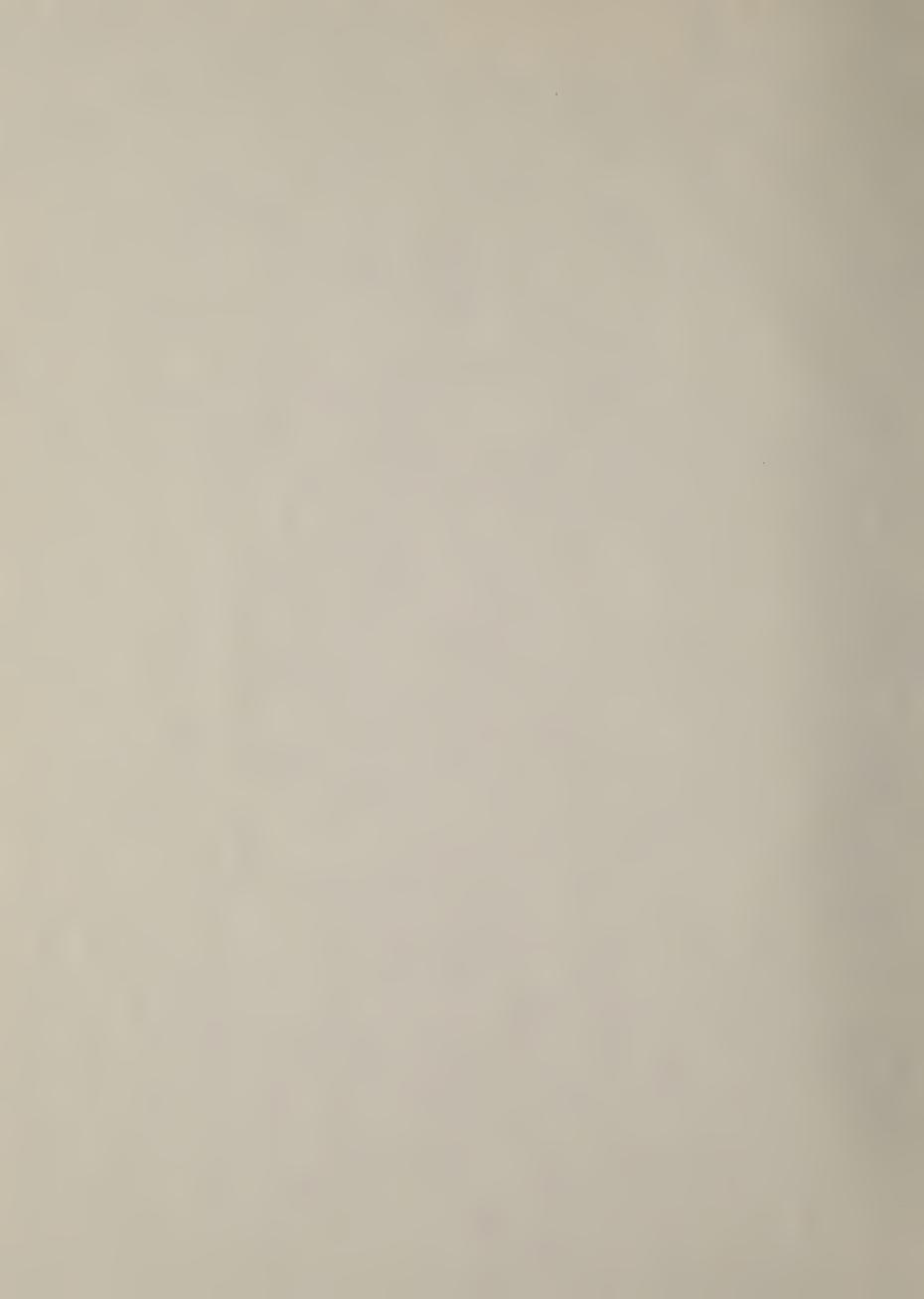


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November 15, 1961

Gentlemen!

The Johnson-Manson-Elm families have been in America only about 100 years. However, they are typical of the Swedish Americans who came to the midwest about 1855. It has been suggested to me that your library might find these records and reminiscences of early Chicago and the Great Fire of historical value. If so, it makes me happy to contribute a copy of my book to your collection.

Sincerely yours,

E. ROBERT JOHNSON



PEACE ON EARTH THE ANGELS SANG on that first CHRISTMAS MORN.

WISHING YOU a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas 1961.

We all expect gifts on this Anniversary.

JESUS CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY.

This one is very different from any one that you have ever had.

Nearly every one of you have had a part in making it a possibility. All of those who received questionnaires helped by filling in blank spaces with information needed. I want to thank each one of you for the part that you did. If anyone finds any mistakes, or if anyone has new or additional information, please send it along to me. Maybe we'll find a way to up date the record.

Edith Parsons kept me well informed of every event as they happened and when they happened in the Detroit area.

John Parsons has given much time, encouragement and took over the printing. He secured his sister Ruth Heidgerd who is a Genealogist of renoun in New York. She has laid out the beautiful Family Tree in Generations.

I am positive that each of you will be eternally thankful to them for this grand layout.

I am sure that they will be happy to receive your compliments.

They are Wonderful. I wish that we lived closer together.

Wishing you all of the Joys of the Season,

& Robert Johnson

MY DAD

He had his griefs he had to bear, But had beliefs as well as care. And every ill it seemed to me made stronger still his piety.

He had his dreams, his hopes, his plans he had his schemes like any man's and when afar the lights grew less in some new star found happiness.

He had his friends found so untrue for Heaven sends a man a few. But when they to east or west the more he learned to love the rest.

He had the Love that loving brings that rose above lifes little things, That every ill more bravely met that every hill made stronger yet.

He had no gold, he had no lands, yet wealth untold within his hands. His life was pure, his heart was glad His Faith was SURE, THAT'S MY DAD.

Harold L. Johnson

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Families in America

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IN HONOR OF

NILS MÅNSON

and

LARS CONRAD (ALMQUIST) ELM

Two grand pioneers who left their beloved relatives, friends and fatherland to brave the winds, waves, and tempests of the ocean, to come to

America

the Home of the Brave and the Free here to become the Pillars of the Church for over 100 years.

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Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church, Chicago



OLD IMMANUEL CHURCH

Old Immanuel is the spiritual birthplace of all the Johnson-Manson-Elm clan in America. Nils and Pernilla Manson, Conrad and Hedda Elm, were among the first members of the little frame church on Superior Street. Their children were nurtured in the big brick church on Sedgewick and Hobbie Streets, and many of their descendants have continued their church activity when the congregation moved to the north side.

In "Minneskrift af Svenska Ev. Lutherska Immanuelsförsamlingen", published in 1903, are names and pictures of many of the relatives who were active in the church's first fifty years.

A letter from the first pastor gives a great deal of the Church history, as well as the spirit of its members, our ancestors:

"To the Pastors, Church Councils, and Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Beloved Brethren in the Faith:

The terrible calamity which befell the city of Chicago on the 8th and 9th of October last is generally known, but not so the sad condition of the churches.

The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church of Chicago surpassed all the Lutheran churches of the city in the extent to which it suffered by the recent fire. The house of worship, the business houses, and the homes of nearly all the members are in ashes. The church was built only two years ago, and was a plain, substantial brick building, 68 feet by 118 feet in size, with accommodations for 1500 persons. The destruction of the church itself was a fearful loss to the congregation, but what makes this loss bear so heavily on us is, that there was still a debt of \$20,000. resting on the church, and there is no prospect of recovering any amount of the insurance, as the Company in which the property was insured has totally failed.

The congregation, which was organized 18 years ago with a few Swedish immigrants (8 families and 20 single persons), had grown to be one of the largest Protestant congregations in the city. It consisted of 1270 communicant members, forming a community of about 2000 souls including children. But as a congregation it has suffered most fearfully. Out of 340 families 320 have been rendered homeless, and nearly all of them reduced to poverty. With a very few exceptions all the members remain in Chicago. Our greatest want is a house of worship. In the name of the Lord we have determined to rebuild the walls of our burnt sanctuary. Toward this work each member of the congregation is willing to contribute to the utmost of his ability; but in its present impoverished condition, the congregation cannot do much. We must therefore appeal to our fellow Christians and brethren in the

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faith, to come to our help. If the Christian church at large, and especially the Lutheran church, will recall to mind what the Swedes and the Christian king Gustavus Adolphus have done for Germany and the whole Protestant world, we shall not, in this our time of need and distress, appeal in vain. The hour is dark and the call is urgent. Let every congregation, even the smallest and poorest, do something. Every contribution, large or small, will be thankfully received.

May God, who knows our need and has promised to hear the prayers of his people, raise up friends to our help and bless every cheerful giver.

Chicago, April 1872.

Erland Carlsson, pastor

The plea was not unheeded. By the sacrifices of the congregation, and the generosity of other churches, \$37,500 was raised and the rebuilt church was opened April 4, 1875.

The list of Church Board members and leaders of the various church organizations includes many of the names which appear in this book: Nels Manson, Samuel Anderson, Emanuel Manson, and many others.

As Chicago grew and the family spead out to the suburbs, and also to other cities, there are only a few names left on the church membership rolls. Mrs. Samuel Anderson and Mrs. Edward Erickson are still active.

The other relatives moving to different areas, continued their active support of the church: Messiah, Zion, Ebenezer, St. Paul's in Chicago; Bethlehem and Immanuel in Detroit, can be grateful for the spiritual training evident through generations of the family.



Pernilla Trulsdrotter Manson



FIRST GENERATION

- 1. NILS MANSON, born Solberga Parish, Grytt, Skåne, Sweden, 4-23-1823; died Chicago 4-26-1896; married before 1854 PERNILLA TRULSDOTTER, born Knislinge, Skåne, Sweden, 4-24-1826; died Chicago, 7-14-1915. She was a widow with two children:
 - 2. Per (or Petrus) 1846
 - 3. Pernilla 1849

According to the records of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chicago, they came to America in 1854 and joined the church 7-14-1855. In the year 1860 Nils Manson was elected as Deacon of Immanuel Church and served three years. Children of this marriage were:

- 4. Theodore 1863
- 5. Hanna 1867
- 6. Emanuel 1869

In those days they had to travel in sailing vessels which, even today, are not so speedy. It took them six to ten weeks to make the trip, if they did make it. They had to bring their own food with them, living on smoked fish and hard-tack all that time.

We of today cannot even begin to realize what a tremendous sacrifice our grand old forefathers made to plant their sons and daughters in a free country. God bless them for it.

Most of the passengers were sea-sick. In those days, I have been told, passengers were taken aboard without having paid their fares. Those who met them at the dock paid it for them, especially those who had been sent for. Sometimes no one was there to pay their fare; then the agents of the lumber camps would pay it for them and send them to the lumber camps to work it off. That's how so many Swedes became lumberjacks.

There was one old woman who had been sick nearly all the way over and Grandma told Grandpa that, as no one had come to meet her, he had better pay her fare for her, because she was sure that the woman would not be able to stand that terrible trip back to Sweden. She would die on the way back. So good old Grandpa paid her way over for her.

Harriet told me that when Grandma (Pernilla) was fifty years old she took severely ill. They called the doctor. The M.D. said she had a tumor of the stomach and that she must be operated on at once. So the M.D. filled her with brandy, laid her on the dining-room table, and operated. When finished, he told them that she might live for one year. But lo and behold, the M.D. died inside of the year, but grandma lived 39 years.

Harriet Henderson, in a letter to me, said that her mother, Hanna, told her her parents (the Nils Mansons) settled in Port Clinton, which is now Highland Park, and that they owned a lumber mill on the site where the Moraine Hotel now stands.

I remember the Manson's home on Sedgewick Street. There was a house on the back of the lot and another on the front, that's where the Mansons lived. I remember they had inside folding shutters, the slats folded and also the whole shutter folded back against the window frames. I believe they were made of black walnut. There was no bathroom, but that was not surprising for very few did have bathrooms in those days. The toilet was under the front sidewalk. It had running water but no pull chain, but it did have a water valve. This was very up-to-date for me, for we west-siders only had the old-fashioned kind that was used on the farms and that was way out near the alley.





Uncle Maunie's Eighty-First Birthday

Back Row:

E. Robert Johnson, born 7-4-77
Edward E. Erickson, born 3-20-89, died 10-20-51
Mrs. E. E. Erickson (Elsie), born 4-25-94
Theodore Manson, born 8-20-63, died 5-26-59
Nels P. Anderson, born 7-10-66, died 3-10-52

Front Row:

Hattie T. Johnson, born 7-25-86, died 12-12-57 Emanuel Manson (Uncle Maunie), born 10-31-1869 Mrs. N. P. Anderson (Jennie), born 3-25-70



SECOND GENERATION

Children of JON..... & PERNILLA TRULLS (step-children of Nils Manson)

2. PER (or PETRUS) JONSSON, born Solberga Parish, Grytt, Skåne, Sweden, 11-18-1846; confirmed Immanuel, Chicago, 5-22-1862; died Chicago, 12-13-1924; married 9-18-1867 (#120) HEDWIG CHARLOTTA ELM, born Falksping, Sweden, 8-31-1849, confirmed 5-15-1864; died Chicago 6-2-1935, daughter of LARS CONRAD ALMQUIST & HEDDA L. SETTERBLAD (see collateral line).

Children:

- 7. Charlotta Maria 1868
- 8. Jennie Pernilla 1870
- 9. Alida Amanda 1872
- 10. Peter Conrad 1873
- 11. Anna Wilhelmina 1875
- 12. Emil Robert 1877
- 13. Laura Christina 1880
- 14. stillborn child 1884
- 15. Hattie Theodora 1886
- 16. Peter Emanuel 1889

Peter Johnson, I am sure, received very little or no education at all; but in those primitive days education for the foreigners was of very little importance. Many of the greenhorns were taught to read and write by members of the Swedish churches, the pastor and other individuals who were sorry for the greenhorns. Peter was eight or nine when he came over; that made him three years behind other children to begin with. Most likely, his folks also thought that kids did not need education; all they needed was to get some work to help support the family. People those days took advantage of those who could not speak English, requiring them to work for starvation wages. Many of the children were farmed out to do any kind of work that would give them food and shelter for the work that they could perform. They had to do whatever they were told to do, whether they liked it or not. Many were very ill-treated, sometimes so badly that they ran away from the job.

Dad (Peter Johnson) told me that when he was old enough to vote, he was challenged so often, even though his father became a citizen before Dad was of age, that he decided to take out his Citizen's Papers. I have that paper "renguncing all allegiance which he may in anywise owe to the King of Sweden and Norway, whereof he was heretofore a subject," dated October 29, 1868.

Peter found work later at the McCormick's reaper shop. They were then making grain-cutting machinery. He was working on what was

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called the "Daisy Reaper". He was working on the platforms, on which a man stood and raked the wheat together and then tied it up and dropped it on the ground in a bundle. Later he worked with the millwright's gang, keeping the plant equipment in good running order. He later became the foreman of this same crew, which grew to a considerable number. When he first worked for McCormick's factory, it was on the North Side.

He was working there when the Chicago Fire broke out. The company rounded up as many men as they could to help keep the fire from their buildings, throwing the burning brands and sweeping the hot embers from the roofs. Finally, they saw that nothing they did further would stop the fire, as it was getting closer and closer. So they told the men to go home and to help their families to some place of safety as best they could.

Dad went home and told Mother to take Charlotte and to carry all that she could with her, and that she should head for the lake so they could get into the water if it got too hot for them, and that he would follow with what they needed most and all that he could carry. He went into the house, moved the heating stove out on the front porch, went back in to get other things, then he heard a crash out in front. He looked and saw that the house next door had fallen down on the stove that he had placed there a few minutes before. Then the kerosene can exploded and he thought he had best get out before he was hemmed in altogether. He went to the lake and found Mother and Charlotte. Aunt Laura had come to Mother to try to help her. She took the baby-buggy and some things and Jennie and headed west on Chicago Avenue, but no one knew whether they got to safety for about two weeks. The parents were happy then because they did not ever expect to see them again.

Harriet told me that Grandpa (Nils Manson) dug a huge hole in the backyard to put his belongings in to save them; but lo and behold, when he brought his things to the hole, he found that somebody else had used the hole for himself, so no room for grandpa's things.

Dad told me that as he was going home from the factory, he had seen a man pushing a piano down the street. The next day after the fire, he went by that same way, but the man was lying dead behind his piano, or what was left of it.

A good many of the saloons along the streets were in the basements in those days, and many men were down there even though there was a fire. When the saloon-keeper saw that it was certain his place would be burned, he yelled, "The fire is getting too close for me. It's all yours! Goodbye!" The next day many of those men were lying on the stairs going up from the saloons, dead.

Those down at the lake, when the fire was nearest to them, went out into the water as far as they could, to keep cool and to get away from the intense heat. They ducked their heads under water or splashed water over their heads.

All of those who brought mattresses down to the lake put them close together for the women and children to sleep on. The men formed



a watch service so that they always knew whether the fire or thieves were upon them, so many on a watch, while the others took what rest they could, still being on guard.

They have told me that Grandpa Elm (#118) Lars Conrad, thought he was going to play it safe. He hired a dray to cart his things a certain distance that he thought was a real safe place. But by the time he was loaded and got there, he found that the fire had traveled nearly as fast. He tried to get the drayman to go farther, but the man refused. He said, "I can probably help someone down in there, so I'm going back to help if I can."

Peter told me that men were offered lake-front lots for a week's clean-up work. But who wanted lots then? Men would work for food for themselves and their families, which was hard to get at first, until other towns nearby could get it to them. No autos, only horse-drawn vehicles or railroads, which took much too long for those who needed it so very much. The winds were very troublesome during the fire. It seemed that they kept veering around from all points of the compass.

After the fire, McCormick's rebuilt, but out on the southwest side, just south of Blue Island Avenue at Oakley Avenue. Dad, of course, still desired to work for them. The Blue Island Avenue cars only ran as far as Ashland Avenue and 22nd Street. That was a good mile from the shop and he had to walk from there, but Dad was a good walker, young and long-legged. He used to walk both ways from the north side, but the greater part of the way was vacant property, so he cut across the lots. Later the company built the cottages in Stockholme, which they sold on payments to their workers. This, of course, helped the men get home sooner and gave them more rest; for the men in those days worked at least ten hours and many times twelve to fourteen hours.

Our home was in Stockholme. I was born there. The address was 3ll Laughton Street, which is now 26l2 West 24th Street. It was on the north side of the street between Rockwell Street and Washtenaw. It was just one block square, with prairies all around it. No sewers, just ditches to take the rain water away.

Years later, I went down to see my birthplace and now it was real hard to realize what changes can take place in one's lifetime. The old cottage has been raised, as also has the street. No ditches. Paved streets. No vacant lots to fly kites and to skate on in the winter. The house number changed from 311 to 2612 West 24th Street. Stockholme has vanished.

Dad's three big buildings are on West 24th Street. The stonefront one is 2332 and the twelve-flat buildings are 2334 & 2338 West 24th Street.

The McCormick Company also built a little church. It was supposed to be for the Lutherans, but lo and behold! the Mission Friends went to the Company and they got the title to the property. The Company did not know the difference. That is the story of the church property.

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whether it is true or false, I will not vouch for. It has served its purpose, of that I am positive, for the children who grew up there had no other Sunday School to go to until we became older and were trusted to go to a further distant church.

Peter Johnson had become foreman of the millwrights and had the responsibility of seeing that at all times every section of the shop had power to keep all of the machinery running. Therefore, he was at the plant early and late and, if anything appeared to be getting in danger of breaking down, he would have men fix it. He was working one Sunday on a job which could not be done during the week. One of the men was driving a shaft out of a rope sheave. A chip of steel flew either off of the shaft or the sledge, entering Dad's eye. He kept on working until the job was finished, then came home. The next day he went to the doctor and in a few days his eye was removed.

3. PERNILLA JONSDOTTER, born Solberga Parish, Grytt, Skåne, Sweden 6-20-1849; confirmed Immanuel, Chicago, 5-15-1864; died Chicago, 5-27-1941; married 5-27-....ANDREW ERICKSON, born 1-6-1837. He came from Ljungby, Kalmar, Sweden, in the year 1866. He joined Emanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago, 2-2-1878, serving as Deacon for six years. He was treasurer of the Men's Missionary Society in 1900. Pernilla and (#120) Hedwig Charlotta Elm were confirmation mates. He died 1-23-1908. Children:

17. Eddie Victor 1882

18. Edward Emanuel 1884

19. Ella Elizabeth 1886

20. Harry Theodore 1888

21. Walter Harry 1889

22. Arthur Herbert 1892

4. THEODORE MANSON, born 8-20-1863, baptized 9-27-1863; confirmed 1878; died 5-26-1959; married HEDWIG EDEN. She was a cousin of (#124) SAMUEL L. ANDERSON. I remember that when I was a boy, Uncle Ted used to come out to our house at Christmastime and bring a box of cake with cookies all around it. He was at that time the head cake baker at H. H. Kolsatt's bakery, a well-known firm of the time. Children:

23. Howard

24. Theodore, Jr.

25. Lightner

5. HANNA MANSON, born 1-1-1867, baptized 1-13-1867; confirmed 1883; died 2-14-1946; married 3-19-1902 LIGHTNER HENDERSON, born 12-2-1866; died 3-17-1916.

Children:

26. Margaret 1903

27. Harriet 1905

Harriet sent me a copy of a biography of her father from a book about "Illustrious Americans":

"The profession of civil engineering undoubtedly offers a great future to those equipped by nature and study for this kind of work. demands, however, perhaps a more thorough technical knowledge of more subjects than any other business in which a man may engage, but its rewards are commensurate with its difficulties, and on the pages of history, the names of civil engineers who have seemingly accomplished the impossible appear with other benefactors of mankind. In the middle west there has arisen no brighter luminary in Civil Engineering in recent years than was the late Lightner Henderson of Chicago who, for fourteen years, was president of Purdy & Henderson Co., civil engineers, and chief engineer for that concern, and considered by many leading architects, engineers, and builders as the ultimate authority in the country on all that pertained to steel construction. His career in his chosen profession was an exceptionally brilliant one and included work on some of the finest buildings in the leading cities of the United States.

"Lightner Henderson was born at Gap, Lancaster County, Pa., December 2, 1866, and died at Chicago, Ill., March 17, 1916. His parents were Archibald and Margaret A. (Linvill) Henderson. On his paternal side the ancestry was Scotch and French, and on the maternal, was English. The founders of these families in America came to the colonies prior to the Revolutionary War. Both parents of Mr. Lightner Henderson predeceased him, the father dying December 16, 1869 and the mother, January 9, 1913. There were four children in the family. Lightner Henderson secured his early education in the Public Schools of his native place and supplemented the training by a course in the State Normal School at Millersville, Pennsylvania. In 1885 he entered Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa., where he took up the course in Civil Engineering, and graduated from that in stitution in 1889 with the degree of Civil Engineer. He at once entered upon a career in which he rose rapidly to a prominent place among the leading men of his profession. Until 1891 he worked as a structural steel draftsman and designer, when he entered the employ of C. T. Purdy, consulting engineer, Chicago. Two years later entering into partnership with Mr. Purdy under the title of the Purdy & Henderson Company, of which he became President and Chief Engineer.

"Among the prominent structures, the design of which was vitally influenced by Mr. Henderson's genius are: The FlationBuilding, Whitehall, Metropolitan Tower, Waldorf-Astoria, Hippodrome, and Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York City; the New York County Building; the Marquette Building, Montgomery Ward Tower, Congress Hotel, and University Club, Chicago; the Wabash Terminal of Pittsburgh; the New Willard Hotel of Washington, D.C.; and the Jefferson County Savings Bank of Birmingham, Ala. The exposed steel-work in the concourse of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York, the design of which steel was conceived by Mr. Henderson,

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probably is the most generally admired piece of structural work in the country.

"Mr. Henderson's designs also were used in the construction of the Court House or City Hall, the (old) Tribune Building, and the LaSalle Hotel, and Sherman Hotel in Chicago; the D. S. Morgan Building and the Mutual Life Building of Buffalo, New York.

"On March 19, 1902, Mr. Henderson was married to Miss Hannah Manson, daughter of Nels and Pernilla Manson, natives of Sweden, the former of whom was connected with the Northwest ern Railroad at the time of his retirement when he was fifty years of age. Mrs. Henderson, with their two daughters, Margaret and Harriet, survive.

"Considered an authority by men in the profession all over the United States, he was frequently called into consultation, and in the famous water-works case at Buffalo, New York in 1911, he was the authority upon whose finding the case swung. It was his expert knowledge and clear testimony that exposed the faults in construction and explained the collapse of the building which had been so expensive to that city.

"At the time of his death, Mr. Henderson was a member of the Western Society of Engineers, the Engineers Club of Chicago. He was a member of the Honorary Civil Engineering Society, Tau Beta Pi.

"At all times he was an honorable, upright, man, and a citizen of public spirit. Among many testimonials brought forth by his death, a sincere and comprehensive one was that of his partner, Mr. C. T. Purdy, as follows:

'He had an exceptionally fine analytical mind and judgment always reliable. He possessed, more than any other man in the country, the faculty of combining theoretical analysis with consideration for the practical, which is so necessary to the highest development in structural steel designing. He was gifted with a genius for simplicity, coupled with accuracy and reliability. In his relations with other men, right was his primary objective. He was beloved by associates and employees.''

(This information was copied by hand by Harriet. I know that every one who reads it will appreciate and be thankful for her contribution.) She continues as follows:

"There was a full page of the Flatiron Building in New York, which was one of my father's buildings. He had his office on the top floor. We went to the office there when we came back from Europe in December, 1925. My father's office was on the top floor of the Monroe Building on Michigan Blvd. He had eight offices. They were! New York, Havana, Seattle, Detroit, Toronto, San Francisco, Vancouver, and Chicago. This last, Chicago, has been closed."

6. EMANUEL MANSON, born 10-31-1869; baptized 11-5-1869; confirmed 1884; married 11-30-1898 ESTHER LARSON.

Children:

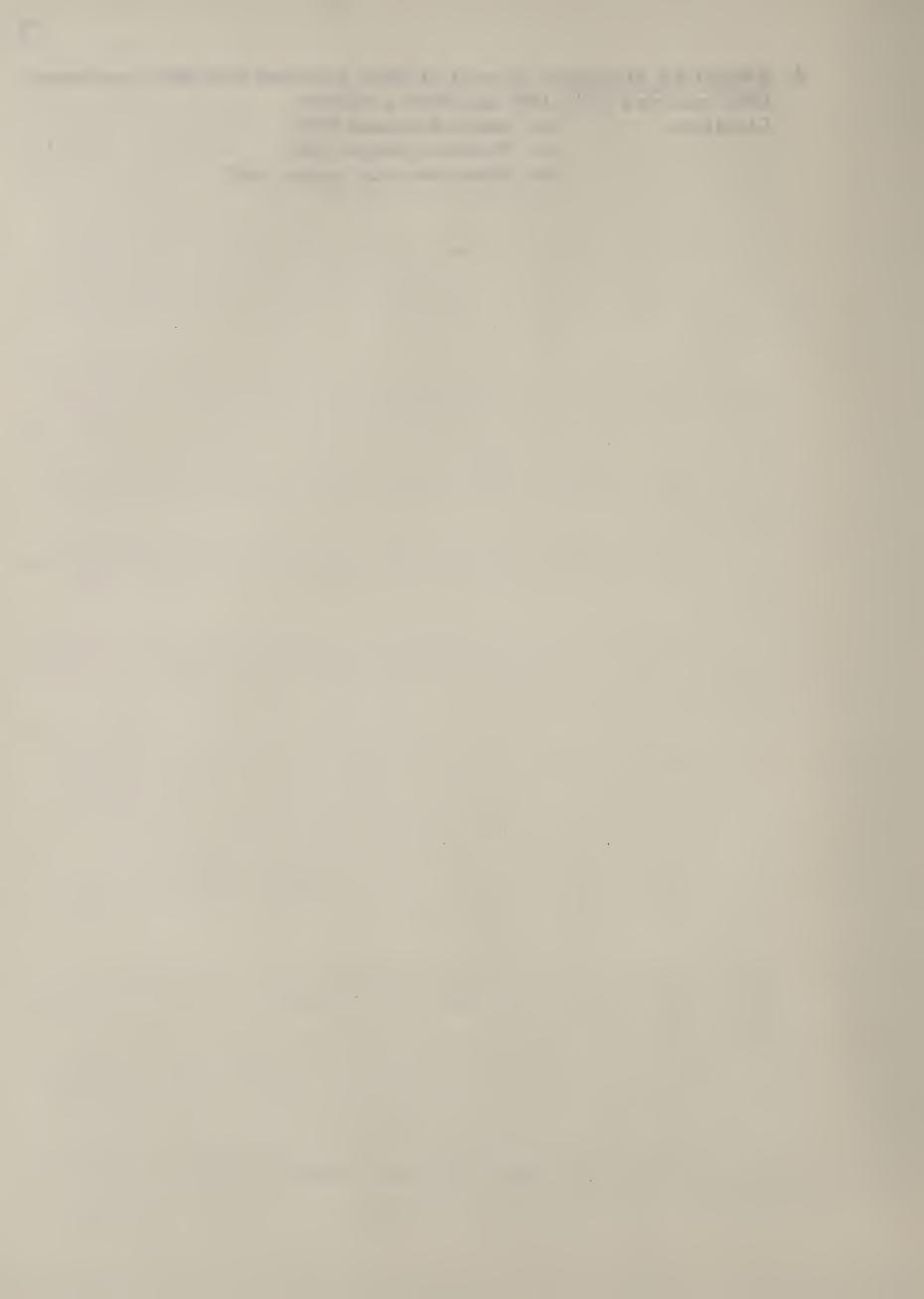
28. Nellis Emanuel 1900

29. Florence Marie 1905

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30. Ethel Pernilla Louise 1907



THIRD GENERATION

1. PETER JOHNSON m. HEDWIG CHARLOTTA ELM

7. CHARLOTTA MARIA JOHNSON, born 4-26-1868, baptized 5-31-1868 (sponsors: Conrad Elm & Mrs. Nils Månson); confirmed Emanuel 1883; died 3-5-1897; married 1887 CHARLES THOREN, born Stenestad, Skåne, Sweden, 5-15-1863; died Chicago 11-5-1937. He arrived in Charlestown, Mo. 10-20-1880; moved to Chicago in 1882. He worked in McCormick's Reaper works in the wood shop. I believe that he joined the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church where he became acquainted with Charlotte.

Children:

31. Ruth 1888

32. Edith Charlotte 1890

Charlotte was ill after Edith was born for several years. It was said that she died of consumption. Charles, after having tried several housekeepers, decided that the girls should have a mother to bring them up. So he married 9-21-1899 AUGUSTA CHARLOTTA WESTER, born Falköping, Sweden 9-16-1873; died Daytona, Fla. 11-26-1952. Augusta took good care of the girls until they were married. I know that she never regretted having taken care of the girls and she loved them both and all of their children. She lived in Chicago until the year of 1950. Then she moved to Daytona, Florida.

Charlotte and Charles, when they were first married, lived in Dad's twelve-flat building on the third floor front on the east side. It was a four-room flat, stove heated, no gas or electric light, no bathroom. Two families used the same toilet. I lived in this same flat when I was first married.

Charles took examinations to become a Lincoln Park policeman, which he passed and in later years was promoted to Captain(acting)& Lieut.

One morning when Charley came on duty a bear had gotten loose. The other police were trying to catch the bear. Charley told them to keep the bear busy. "I'll get behind him and on his back. You throw me a rope and I'll throw it over his neck and you take a wrap around a tree and he'll be safe." It worked.

8. JENNIE PERNILLA JOHNSON, born 3-25-1870, baptized Immanuel 5-21-1870; confirmed Immanuel 4-26-1885; married 6-24-1896 NELS P. AN-DERSON, born 7-10-1866; died 3-10-1952.

Children:

33. Olive 1897

34. Hilmer 1901

35. Wilbert Conrad Elm 1905

Nels and Jennie celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 23, 1946. They were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

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Ohio and Lawler, where an open-house reception was given in their honor in the parish house from 3 to 6 p.m. that day. More than 160 guests assembled in the church sanctuary at 5 o'clock where a formal program was given.

Miss Isabell McCall of Faith Presbyterian Church sang several numbers and Miss Ruth Rosencrantz of St. Paul's provided nuptial music. Seven of the guests present had attended the wedding fifty years ago in the Zion Lutheran Church on South Irving Ave. (now Bell Ave.) near 23rd Street, where the couple became acquainted.

Three of the original bridal party were present and extended congratulations: Mrs. Carl Parsons of Detroit, Mich., Miss Hattie T. Johnson, E. Robert Johnson of Oak Park. Greetings were also extended by relatives and friends including Dr. F. A. Johnson, pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Maywood, Rev. Phillip W. MacDonald, rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Rev. William Hyllengren of the local church, and Dr. John A. Christenson, a friend of long standing.

Guests had assembled from all parts of the city and suburbs. Out of town guests included seven of the Parsons family from Detroit, Mrs. Bernard Gallop, Wallace Gallop, and Miss Julia Ann Smith, all of LaPorte, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf E. Olson of Roselle Park, N. J., son-in-law and daughter of the Andersons.

The Andersons have been residents of Austin since 1921. Mr. Anderson, 80, was born in Sweden and has lived in Chicago for nearly 60 years. He was in the employ of the McCormick Works of the International Harvester Co. for 31 years, including 18 in a supervisory capacity. Retired many years.

Pamela (Wilbert's daughter) was four weeks old and was baptized at the Sunday morning service in the St. Paul's Church on the day of the Anniversary.

Jennie lived alone for several years after her husband Nels died in 1952, but at last she found that she could not be alone any longer, and her daughter Olive and Gustaf induced her to come to live with them in Roselle Park, N. J.

Last year (1960), there was a grand celebration in the Olson residence. There they celebrated Jennie's 90th birthday. Hilmer was there. Wilbert was there earlier in the month. Many of her new friends visited her on that day. Cards were sent to her from friends from all over the country, a real shower of cards. She also received a card from Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower. Mrs. Jennie Anderson took her first airplane trip when she was 86 years old.

- 9. ALIDA AMANDA JOHNSON, born 3-25-1872; died same day.
- 10. PETER CONRAD JOHNSON, born 7-18-1873, baptized 10-12-1873; died 7-30-1876.

- 11. ANNA WILHELMINA JOHNSON, born 6-12-1875; died 8-12-1876.
- 12. EMIL ROBERT JOHNSON, born 7-4-1877, baptized 10-8-1877; confirmed 5-21-1893; married 3-7-1900 MARY CHARLOTTA PETERSON, born 5-23-1877, baptized 6-27-1877, confirmed 5-1-1892; died 4-5-1942, daughter of AXEL PETERSON and KAJSA PERSDOTTER (see Collateral Line)

Children:

- 37. Gordon Axel Robert 1901
- 38. Harold Leander 1902
- 39. Dorothy Kathrin Hedwig 1905
- 40. Blanche Sophia 1908
- 41. Grace Marie 1910
- 42. Douglas Robert 1914
- 43. Esther Elizabeth 1915

When I was a little child, I always enjoyed playing on the frosted window panes. Mother did not, and it seemed as though when I did I always got the croup. A pie plate always stood on the back of the kitchen stove with sliced onions steeping in it. Every few minutes it seemed Mother told me to take some onion syrup. I must have taken gallons of it.

The stove was a six-hole cast-iron cook-stove with brick-lined fire-pot, oven to the right, four of the holes above the oven. The heat from the firebox went between the six holes and all around the oven except the front, up the back, and out to the chimney. All of this explanation is given because today persons seldom see those old stoves. In the wintertime these stoves were used at night as a means of heating the homes, using hard coal, at least at night. We also had a base-burner hard-coal stove. 3ll Laughton Street was a small four-room cottage on posts, about three steps up. The plumbing consisted of a kitchen sink. When we took our baths, water was heated on the kitchen stove. The washtub was placed in the center of the kitchen floor. Everyone was ordered into the front room. The youngest got the first clean-up and was put to bed. Mother and Dad came last.

One time that I will never forget was when I was still in dresses. Jennie and I were sent to the grocery store to get some things. While Jennie was being waited on, I, as all kids do, was walking around. I saw a beautiful red apple. I picked it up, smelled it, and slipped it into my shirtwaist. On the way home, about 1/4 block, I took two bites out of it. When I got in, Mother asked if the man gave me the apple. I said yes. She asked Jennie if that were true. Jennie said she did not see him give it to me. Mother told Jennie to take me back to return the apple, which we did. I will never forget that as long as I live. Just imagine a tot with only his head above the counter, holding the apple above his head, offering the man an apple that had two bites taken out of it. and saying."I'm sorry." It was hard to do. God bless the soul of that wise Mother of mine. That lesson helped me all

through life. The reason for this confession is that this little simple story may be of some help to someone.

When I was in about the sixth grade in school, I used to walk home from school with two girls. I guess that they liked being kidded and teased. Well, one day after school they were waiting for me, but I was slow that day. We were walking and my leg got stiff. They thought that I was up to some trick until I fell and they picked me up and saw that I could not walk. They put my arms over and around their necks, put their arms around my waist, and took me home. Those girls' names were Alma Thoren and Carrie Haltenhoff.

Mother put me to bed. One of my legs was bent, so I took both hands, pressed my leg out straight, and then blacked out. The doctor called it black typhoid fever. I was unconscious for a long time. The only thing I remember was that every time Mother came to me she repeated the 23rd Psalm. How many times she repeated it, I'll never know. One time, the doctor, before he was leaving the house, told Mother, "Tonight the turning point will be, but do not expect too much, for he is very low." The next day when he came, he told her the crisis had passed and with the best of care I might pull through. "We must be very careful about what and how much he eats. Don't let anyone feed him except you." How true the old saying is: "If a boy or girl lives up to a good mother's expectations, they will never go wrong."

When I got well, I went back to school and tried real hard to catch up. But try as I would, it seemed as though I had forgotten everything that I ever knew. Even the multiplication tables that I knew perfectly were not there, completely out of my memory. I was very disappointed, as I really wanted to graduate from the eighth grade. The teacher did everything in her power to help me. Samuel L. Anderson came out to visit me and I told him that I believed I would have to go to work. He came to see me later and told me that he had talked to someone in the Pullman Palace Car Co. who told him to send me down to him on Monday and he would have a talk with me and probably give me a job. When he told me that, I began to cry because I knew that I would not qualify, and also because I did not want to be a sissy. My Dad became angry with me and told me that he would take me down to McCormick's and put me on an elevator to run. I told him that I knew I could do that job O. K., so that's where I started. It was on a freight elevator. I was on that for a short time, then he put me on a steam one. Oh, that was a promotion! for I was the youngest man ever put on the steam outfit. There I had not only to run it, but had the charge of the steam engine that was alongside of the elevator shaft. Oh boy, that was a thrill for me, a steam engineer! Dad never had to do a thing to help keep it shipshape. I talked with some of the boys from the tool room and machine shop and found out that they took in boys to serve as



apprentices, and was told to see Mr. Haskins, "but be sure that he is in the right mood. " It happened that every morning he rode up with me to the second floor. Every day when I went to work I made up my mind that, "Today I will ask him." But it took days and weeks before I had enough courage to speak to him about being an apprentice, which I did in a very shaky and faltering way. He wanted to know why I thought I would become a good machinist and tool maker. took the wind out of me. I did not expect that. I told him that I was handy with tools and that Dad allowed me to use his tools, provided I always put them back in the same place that I took them from. "You know that Peter Johnson is my Dad, you can ask him." Then he asked, "Did your Dad tell you to ask me?" I told him, "No, he does not know that I am asking you. " He said, "I'll talk to him." After he had talked to Dad, Dad wanted to know why I had not talked to him first. "You always worked such long hours and were tired at night, and I thought that now I am grown up, it was about time that I did something for myself. I have to start some time."

Some time later Mr. Haskins told me that he had found an opening for me, "But you may not like the wages. I'll start you at 75¢ a day and a raise of 25¢ each year for four years." We had to work ten hours a day from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

After I had been working there for a while, I found out that one of the boys was going to night school at the English High and Manual Training School. So I went with him for two straight years and got so that I can put anything down on a sketch that comes to my mind, which came in very handy later along when I became foreman. This school-going was no snap. Work ten hours, rush home, eat, wash up, dress, rush back to the street-cars, and get down to Monroe and Halstead Street by 7:00 p.m. every night except Saturday and Sunday. I have diplomas for these two years, but the knowledge is worth more than the diplomas.

When I retired in 1941, I had working under me 105 men. We were building special machinery just for the Crane Co. I also had the repair section under me. They were mostly all good mechanics. a good many were apprentices under me, who never stepped out after serving. When Douglas was killed and Mary died, nearly every man came to sympathize with me and they sent flowers from the boys. When I left, they all got together one noon. One of them made a presentation speech. They presented me with a Morris chair and ottoman, a light meter and flash bulbs. My clerk took three camera shots of the group. They gave me a card with a bluebird shedding a tear, each one signing his name. Many individual expressions were given privately. A very solemn but acceptable ending of 33 years' service.



The church record of Robert Johnson is not as continuous as the other members of the family, who joined when they came over and stayed throughout their lives. The reason for this is as follows. All of those who were to be confirmed in Zion had to be confirmed in the Swedish language. His parents never spoke Swedish in their home. They did, however, require him to go to Swedish school during his vacation from public school for two straight summers. He does not regret that they required him to do so now.

He had a very miserable time trying to learn those lessons. He found that he had to go into a bedroom, shut the door so as not to be disturbed by the other members of the family. He studied out loud, so as to know if it sounded right. He studied and cried. Then he would come out and have his mother hear how it was going, get corrections, and return to try once more. He made up his mind that should he ever have children of his own, that they never would have to go through that Purgatory when they were to be confirmed. They were all confirmed in English.

He bought a four-room brick cottage at 732 (now 1413) North Monticello Avenue between Lamoyne and Hirsh Streets.

In the fall of 1907, he transferred his membership from Zion to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, United Lutheran Synod. Before he became a member, he was elected on the board and served until he transferred. He served on the building committee, that of moving the church crosswise of the two lots and placing it on the rear of the lot, then building a beautiful sanctuary on the front of the lot.

He moved to Austin, 919 N. Laramie Avenue and transferred to the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1917. Here he also served on the board until he again transferred to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He served on the church boards, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School class, and was Superintendant of the Bible Class Division for some years. He served as head of a committee on a fund-soliciting campaign for the first extension of the basement. It was real hard times, at that time, very few people working and those who were, were on short time. This committee decided to gather funds where possible and where not, to ask for donations of labor, with the result that we received pledges of over one thousand hours of labor. It was a real successful campaign. Then the Secretary of the same Building Committee died. To replace him, who did they elect but the same old Bob.

13. LAURA CHRISTINA JOHNSON, born 1-12-1880, baptized 4-30-1880; confirmed 5-26-1895; died 9-1-1934. She married first JOHN EGGERT who died in a short period of time, dates unknown. She married second 2-12-1902 HENRY P. HEINLEN, born 2-16-1886, died 1940. Children (adopted): 44, Francis 1912

45. Dorothy 1917



- 14. Stillborn child born 5-24-1884.
- 15. HATTIE THODORA JOHNSON, born 7-25-1886, baptized 11-7-1886; confirmed 5-12-1901; died 12-12-1957; unmarried. Hattie began to teach Sunday school, right after she had been confirmed. She wanted to become a good teacher. So she took up a course at the Moody Institute. After several years, she felt that she was called to become a Foreign Missionary, she studied at the Mother House for that calling and graduated. She was accepted and was all set to go. The war was declared and the missionary board had gotten word not to send any one out. So her commission was cancelled. She was very disappointed.

However she decided to become a Parish Visitor. She secured a position in the North Austin Eve. Lutheran church. She was diligent, conscientious and friendly with all, especially with the sick and shut-ins. In a few short weeks she was loved by everyone. Even while a Parish Visitor she also taught Sunday-school and the summer school.

She was a proficient visitor, most of her visits were made by the old mode of using the she-makers dummy, (on foot). Her greatest number of visits in one day was 20. She worked at the North Austin Church for a period of twenty (20) years. She received many letters from the Church Board commending her on the great work that she was doing for the advancement of that Church.

Then she returned to the St. Paul's church where she soon became their Parish Visitor for a period of over 10 years. On the tenth year they gave a reception in her Honor for her 10 years of service.

Even this year there were several who gave in her remembrance to The Easter Garden that filled the space between the Altar and the communion rail.

16. PETER EMANUEL JOHNSON, born 8-30-1889; died 6-29-1890.

2. PERNILLA JONSDOTTER m. ANDREW ERICKSON

- 17. EDDIE VICTOR ERICKSON, born 5-20-1882, baptized 6-25-1882; died young.
- 18. EDWARD EMANUEL ERICKSON, born 3-20-1884, baptized 4-6-1884; confirmed 1899; died 10-20-1951; married 9-17-1913 RUTH BLANCH PETERSON, born 3-19-1882, baptized 1883; confirmed 1896; died 6-4-1941. He served as treasurer of the church for many years. He also served on the church boards and was treasurer of the last building fund.

Child: 46. Sheldon

Edward married second 5-18-1948 ELSIE HOLMER, born 4-25-1894, baptized 12-30-1894; confirmed 4-17-1910.

- 19. ELLA ELIZABETH ERICKSON, born 2-10-1886, baptized 3-7-1886; confirmed 5-6-1900; died 2-27-1948; unmarried.
- 20. HARRY THEODORE ERICKSON, born 4-7-1888, baptized 5-13-1888; died 7-1-1888.
- 21. WALTER HARRY ERICKSON, born 10-9-1889, baptized 11-3-1889; confirmed 1904; died 5-5-1945; married VESTA LUSTIG, still living in Detroit. No children. Lustig is name of Vesta's third husband.
- 22. ARTHUR HERBERT ERICKSON, born 12-5-1892; baptized 1-8-1893; confirmed 1908; died 5-15-1945.

4. THEODORE MANSON m. HEDWIG EDEN

- 23. HOWARD MANSON
- 24. THEODORE MANSON, JR.
- 25. LIGHTNER MANSON

5. HANNA MANSON m. LIGHTNER HENDERSON

- 26. MARGARET HENDERSON, born 3-27-1903; married 10-7-1930 JOHN PYTLIK, born 10-7-1893.
- 27. HARRIET HENDERSON, born 7-1-1905; married 3-15-1949 JOHN F. DUER, who died 1954.

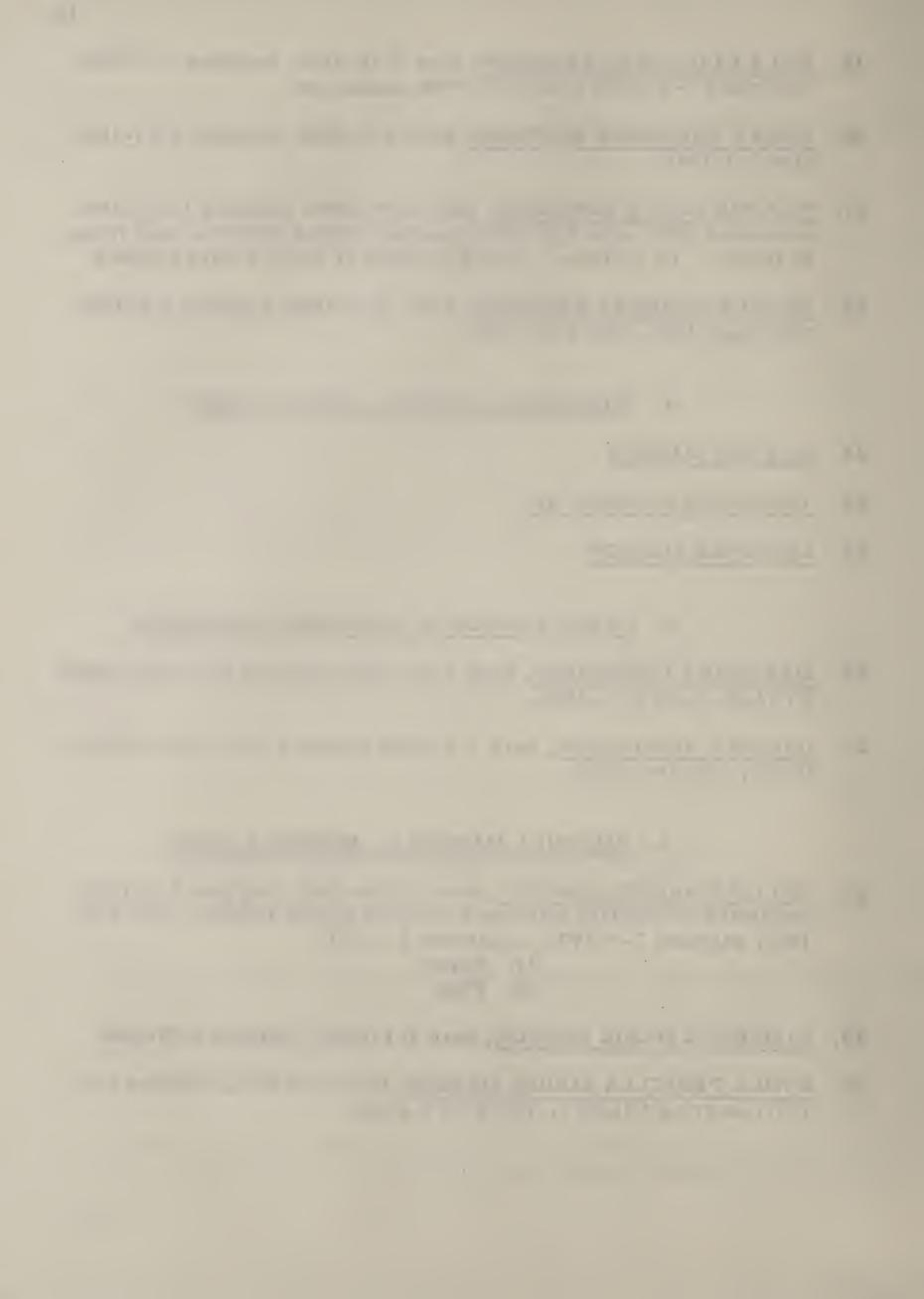
6. EMANUEL MANSON m. ESTHER LARSON

28. NELLIS EMANUEL MANSON, born 12-26-1900, baptized 4-4-1901; confirmed 4-15-1915; married 8-15-1936 ALICE OLSON, born 5-4-1902, baptized 7-?-1902; confirmed 4-1-1917.

47. Joyce

48. Paul

- 29. FLORENCE MARIE MANSON, born 1-1-1904, baptized 5-29-1904
- 30. ETHEL PERNILLA LOUISE MANSON, born 2-3-1907, baptized 6-91907; married MILES J. VOTAVA 6-25-55.



- 7. CHARLOTTA MARIA JOHNSON m. CHARLES THOREN
 Peter
- 31. RUTH THOREN, born 4-21-1888; confirmed 1903; died 11-3-1936; married 12-23-1911 WILLIAM MAXMILLIAN KIPLEY, born 4-9-1882, died 3-15-1952.

Children:

- 49. Thomas Charles 1912
- 50. William Francis 1915
- 51. Robert James 1919
- 52. David George 1921
- 53. Charles 1923
- 54. Phillip 1925
- 32. EDITH CHARLOTTE THOREN, born 6-19-1890, baptized 8-10-1890; confirmed Ebenezer 6-4-1905; married 6-8-1911 CARL BIRGER PARSONS, born 4-20-1884 at Vinberg, Halland, Sweden; died Detroit 12-21-1956.

Children:

- 55. John Thoren 1913
- 56. Henry Carl 1915
- 57. Ruth Sigrid 1917
- 58. Betty Edith 1923

An article in the "Parsons Chord Line" of February, 1957, states, in part:

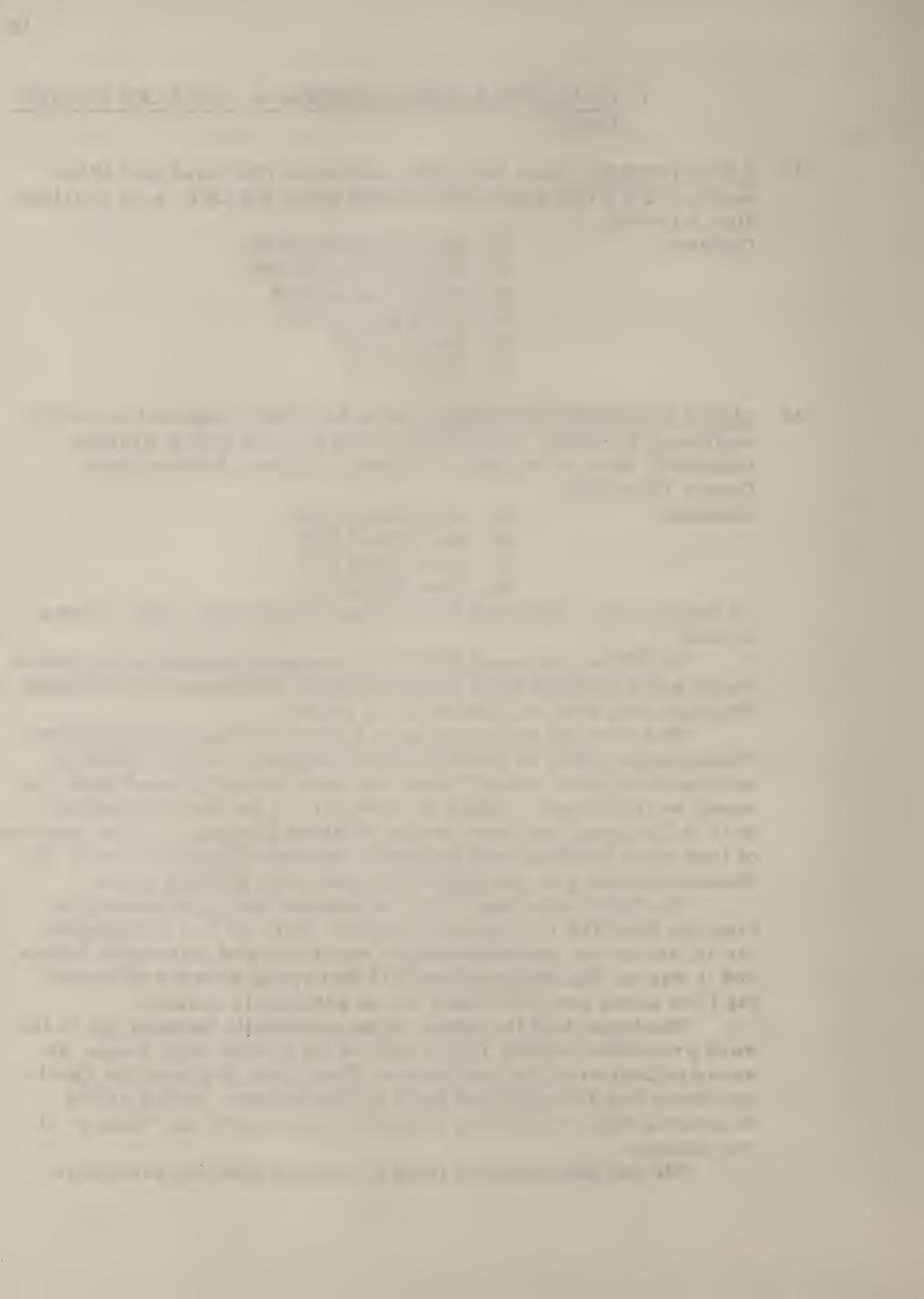
"In 1901 he borrowed \$47.00 for steamer passage to the United States and arrived at Ellis Island all alone, not knowing the English language, and with only \$8.00 in his pocket.

"His first job was working as a farm hand near Williamsport, Pennsylvania, until he could learn the language. A year later he secured work as a sawmill hand, but when the mill closed down, he moved on to Chicago. There he worked first for the meat packer, Swift & Company, and then for the Pullman Company. In the summer of 1903 when Pullman went on strike, he went to work for the C. P. Kimball Company in Chicago to learn the body building trade.

"By 1909, at the age of 25, he entered into a partnership to form the Standard Limousine Company. Here he was responsible for all design and manufacturing of carriages and automobile bodies, and it was on Thanksgiving Day 1910 that young Parsons delivered the first sedan body ever built for an automobile chassis.

"Realizing that the future of the automobile industry lay in the mass production market rather than in the custom body shops, he moved to Detroit in 1911 and became Chief Body Engineer for Cadillac Motor Car Company and later for Studebaker, having as his associates men who were to become in later years the "Giants" of the industry.

"He left Studebaker to form a company with two associates



to manufacture a new type of door hinge for automobiles which he had designed, and within a few years was supplying hinges for nearly all the automobile manufacturers of that era, and expanded into other automotive hardware lines such as window lifts and door locks.

"In 1925 the Motor Products Company of Detroit purchased the Parsons business in order to induce Carl Parsons to join their staff, but he was not happy working for a large company.

"In 1928 the Parsons Company was founded for the production of auto parts and kitchen cabinets. The growth of each of the two lines ultimately required their separation and so in 1942 Traverse Bay Mfg. Co. (later called Parsons Industries) was established in Traverse City, Michigan.

"By the end of World War II the company had distinguished itself as the largest producer in the country of landmines, and earned the reputation as the most efficient producer of bombs and bomb fins.

"The two companies were merged in 1948 and became known as The Parsons Corporation, operating the Automotive Division in Detroit and the Aircraft Division in Traverse City. The Automotive Division continues to add to its prestige as a supplier of a wide variety of parts for the various manufacturing divisions of the Chrysler and Ford empires. The Aircraft Division has continued to specialize in helicopter rotor blades, an activity initially undertaken in 1943. This Division has produced more main rotor blades than all other manufacturers in the United States combined.

"During a lifetime of almost continuous success Carl Parsons remained proud of his Swedish heritage and the lessons of his youth. He was the first Royal Vice-Consul in Michigan for Sweden and was active in many Swedish-American affairs at both local and national levels. He was at the time of his death a Director of the American Swedish Historical Museum, Philadelphia. He was even more active in his Church, serving over the years on many boards, and was a friend and confidant of Lutheran pastors and laymen throughout the length and breadth of the land.

"He was an ardent sports enthusiast from his early days in America, intimately acquainted with many of the baseball "greats". For many years he was an avid golfer, but his greatest love was bowling. His reputation for endurance and as a "clutch" bowler are legendary. Many were the times he rolled more than 30 games in one day. Though he never achieved a 300 score, he was proud of the fact that he had averaged more than 180 pins per game over a 30-year period as a member of the Detroit Athletic Club Bowling League.

"He lived a life of high ideals, practicing them faithfully and teaching them diligently, and thereby building a solid foundation for the monument that lives after him to carry on his name - the Parsons Corporation."



- 8. JENNIE PERNILLA JOHNSON m. NELS P. ANDERSON
 Peter
- 33. OLIVE ANDERSON, born 7-4-1897, confirmed 5-12-1912; married 6-19-1926 GUSTAV EDWARD OLSON, born 3-25-1887, confirmed 5-12-1901. His father AUGUST OLSON was born in Malma parish, Sodermanland, Sweden 9-21-1858 and arrived here in 1880. He married 6-5-1886 ANNA NELSON, born 4-4-1861. They joined Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 9-20-1903. He served on the board of administration of that church for a number of years. He died 7-23-1934. Their children were Gustav E., Helen A., Esther A., Elmer B., Walter, Glen T., and Gilbert. ANNA (Nelson) OLSON celebrated her 100th birthday with open house from two all afternoon and evening. 130 persons came with gifts and congratulations on this Memorable occasion. Olive and Gust have no children They live in Roselle Park, N.J.
- 34. <u>HILMER ANDERSON</u>, born 11-18-1901, confirmed 5-21-1916; married 6-22-1929 GERTRUDE LEHNEN, born 3-17-1906, confirmed 3-?-1919.

Children:

59. Jean Louise 1935

60. Allen Richard 1940

35. WILBERT CONRAD ELM ANDERSON, born 3-31-1905, baptized 7-30-1905, confirmed 5-11-1919; married 10-17-1936 CATHERINE GALLOP, born 7-10-1912, baptized 3-23-1913.

Children:

61. Margaret Joan 1938

62. Peter Neil 1940

63. Pamela Katherine 1946

12. E. ROBERT JOHNSON m. MARY C. PETERSON Peter

- 37. GORDON AXEL ROBERT JOHNSON, born 4-8-1901, baptized 4-20-1901; died 4-27-1901.
- 38. HAROLD LEANDER JOHNSON, born 11-24-1902, baptized 1-25-1903; confirmed 4-1-1917; died 2-26-1951; married 3-29-1924 DOROTHY EUGENIE SANDERSON, born 3-30-1903, died in childbirth 8-5-1926, her son dying with her. Harold married second 8-31-1929 LAVERGNE JOHNSON, born 12-12-1910. He met an untimely death by asphyxiation in his automobile.

Children:

64. Terry Allen 1934

65. Karen Sue 1941

- 39. DOROTHY KATHERINE HEDWIG JOHNSON, born 6-10-1905, baptized 7-30-1905; confirmed 3-28-1920; married 10-22-1927 EDWARD VIN-CENT VALLELY, born 1-21-1906, baptized 2-?-1906; confirmed 6-?-1919. He was promoted to vice-president of John Nuveen & Co. in 1960. Child:

 66. Donald 1929
- 40. BLANCHE SOPHIA JOHNSON, born 2-25-1908, baptized 4-19-1908; confirmed 5-25-1924; married 4-10-1928 FRANK JOHNSON, born 2-10-1906, baptized 5-27-1928, confirmed 1928. (See Collateral Line) Children:

 67. Bertram Frank 1929

or. Dertram Frank 1727

68. Marilyn Charlotta 1930

69. Carrie Virginia 1942

41. GRACE MARIE JOHNSON, born 9-22-1910, baptized 10-23-1910; confirmed 5-17-1925; married 4-27-1934 GEORGE C. DuFOUR, born 3-25-1905. He is vice-president of all the foreign plants of Abbott Laboratories, now located in the Chicago office.

Children:

70. Nancy Ann 1937

71. George Holmes 1941

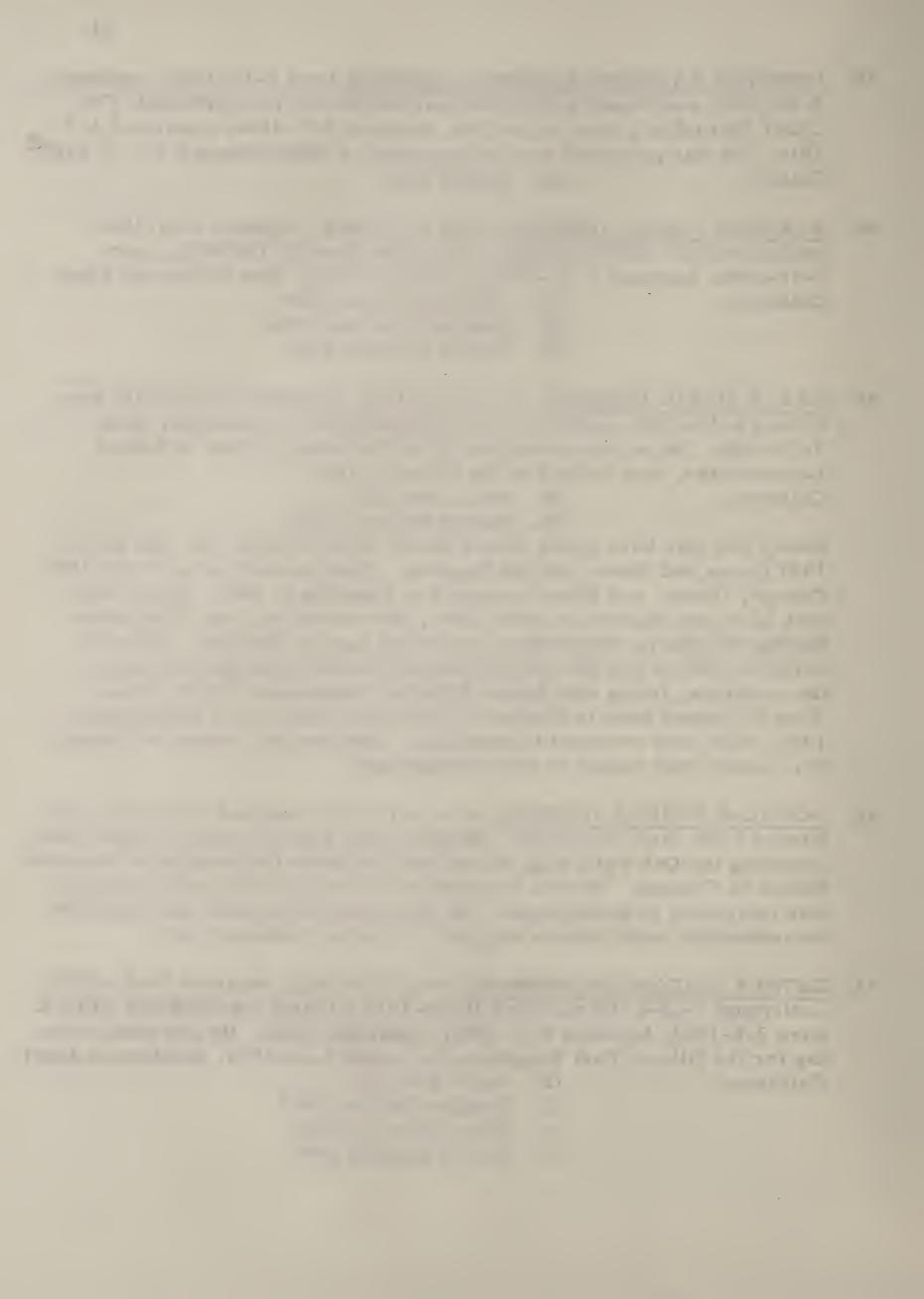
Nancy Ann was born in the United States in Lake Bluff, Ill. On 12-17-1937 Grace and Nancy left for England. They arrived there 12-25-1937. George, Grace, and Nancy returned to America in 1940. They lived with Mary and Robert for some time, then moved to Lake Bluff where George was born. The father was called back to England. The war being on, Grace and the children moved back to Chicago to be near the relatives, living with Edwin & Esther Gustavson, 567 N. Pine. They all moved back to England in 1944 and stayed there until October, 1955, when they returned to America. They bought a house in Gurnee, Ill., where they expect to live permanently.

- 42. DOUGLAS ROBERT JOHNSON, born 3-1-1914, baptized 3-20-1914, confirmed 1928; died 12-1-1938. Douglas lived with the family in Oak Park, attending the Oak Park High School and the Radio Corporation of America School in Chicago. He was an amateur broadcaster for years and also was interested in photography. He died when his bicycle was struck by an automobile while he was engaged in a bicycle mileage race.
- 43. ESTHER ELIZABETH JOHNSON, born 9-18-1915, baptized 10-21-1915; confirmed 5-18-1930; married 10-10-1936 ELMER FREDERICK GROTE born 7-6-1907, baptized 7-?-1909, confirmed 1922. He has been working for the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. since 3-16-1941. (Collateral Line) Children: 72. Joyce Fern 1937

73. Douglas Gaylord 1941

74. Glenn Deitrick 1945

75. Robert Russell 1949



- 13. LAURA C. JOHNSON m. HENRY P. HEINLEN
 Peter
- 44. FRANCIS WILBERT HEINLEN, born 10-5-1912; married 7-?-1935

 ANNA HUFF. They were divorced in January, 1943.

 Child: 76. Laura Lee 1936

 He left Michigan and came to Downey to lead the band. He met and married second 12-16-1944 JUNE LAUX, born 6-27-1914, baptized 4-17-1927; confirmed 5-8-1927.
- 45. <u>DOROTHY CORNELIA HEINLEN</u>, born 3-16-1917, baptized 7-6-1917; confirmed 4-?-1937; married 11-5-1938 HOWARD ROY OTT II, born 8-4-1912, baptized 10-6-1912, confirmed 1926.

Children:

77. Betty 1946

78. Bobby 1946

Dorothy left Michigan in September, 1935 to enter nurse's training at the Mary Thompson Hospital in Chicago. During her training period of three years, she was detailed at the Belmont, Cook County, and the State hospitals, with special training in psychiatry. During World War II she was head nurse at the Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Howard entered government service in January, 1936 and has continued as an Account ever since. In 1943 he took leave of absence to enter the Navy. After training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, he graduated as a petty officer. He was assigned to a landing ship as Store-keeper. He stayed on this ship, the LSM 136 during the entire time in the Navy and traveled to most of the islands in the Pacific. He participated in the invasions of Okinawa and Leyte and earned five Service ribbons and three Bronze stars. He received his Honorable Discharge December of 1945. He returned to Government Service as Chief Accountant for the General Service Administration.

- 18. EDWARD E. ERICKSON m. RUTH B. PETERSON Pernilla
- 46. SHELDON ERICKSON.
 - 28. NELLIS E. MANSON m. ALICE OLSON Emanuel
- 47. JOYCE MANSON, born 9-15-1937
- 48. PAUL MANSON, born 9-28-1943

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FIFTH GENERATION

31. RUTH THOREN m. WILLIAM M. KIPLEY Charlotta-Peter

49. THOMAS CHARLES KIPLEY, born 11-26-1912, baptized 1912; married 11-12-1938 FLORENCE L. KROEGER, born 5-25-1915, baptized by Rev. Kuhnert, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake.

Children:

79. John Charles 1940

80. Kathrine Ruth 1943

81. Linda Jean 1947

82. Thomas James 1950

50. WILLIAM FRANCIS KIPLEY, born 7-19-1915; married 1937 MELBA WIRE.

Child:

83. Mariam 1938

They were divorced and the mother kept the child.

William married second at Yuma, Arizona 9-14-1942, BURGETTA BOLT, born 10-7-1917 at Mt. Clemens, Mich. He was serving in the U.S. Navy at the time.

Children:

84. Sandra Kay 1944

85. Jeri Ann 1947

- 51. ROBERT JAMES KIPLEY, born 6-8-1919, baptized St. Columba Episcopal Church, Detroit; unmarried.
- 52. DAVID GEORGE KIPLEY, born 3-17-1921; married 6-26-1943 JEANNE GREENHOE, born 11-18-1922, baptized 4-?-1934.

Children:

86. David Max 1949

87. Daniel Allen 1951

88. Richard Ethan 1957

53. CHARLES KIPLEY, born 8-13-1923; married 2-23-1951 ONIE LOFTIS, born 7-4-1918.

Children:

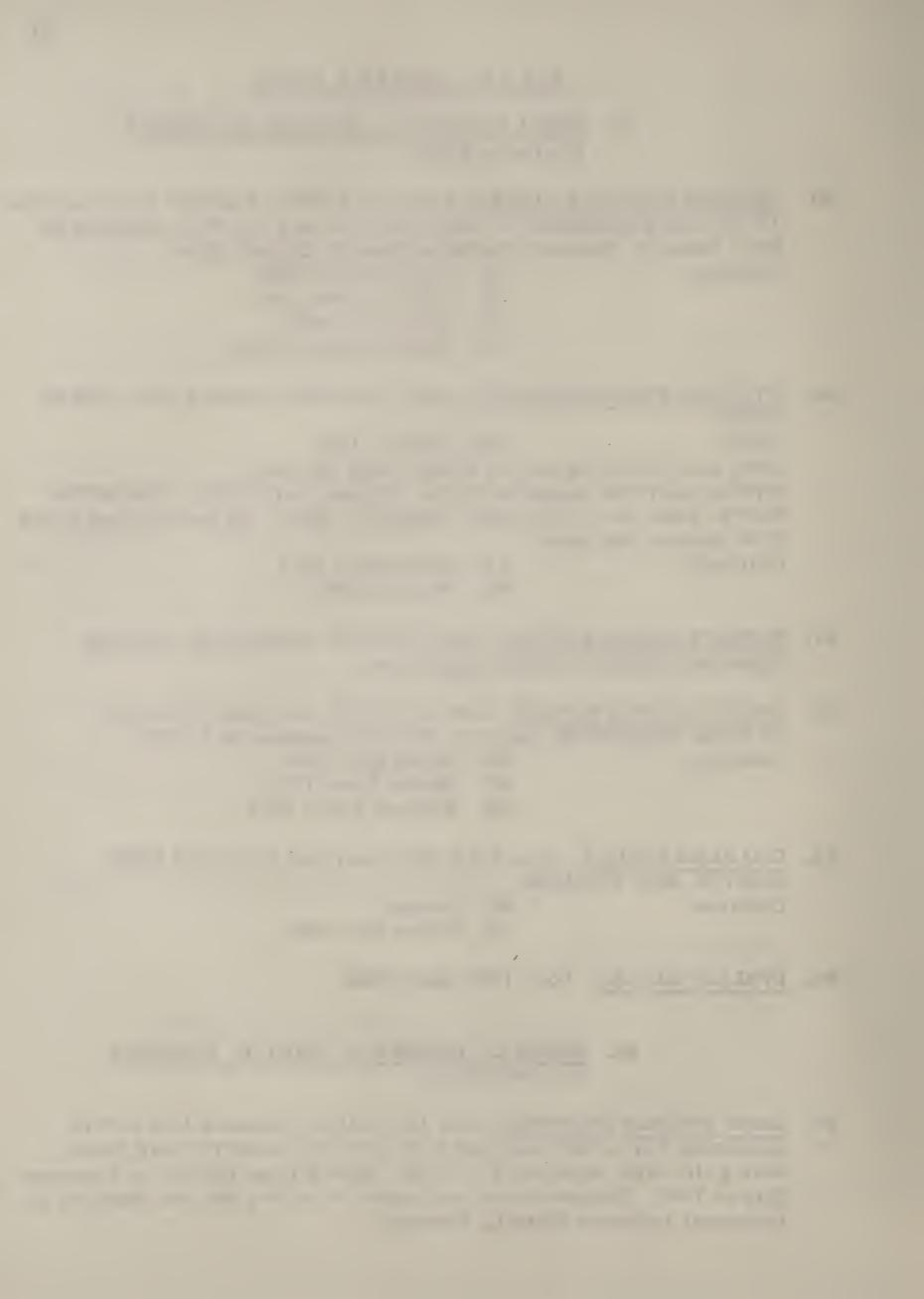
89. Randall

90. Karen Kay 1956

54. PHILLIP KIPLEY, born 1925; died 1928.

32. EDITH C. THOREN m. CARL B. PARSONS Charlotta-Peter

55. JOHN THOREN PARSONS, born 10-11-1913, baptized 12-24-1913; confirmed 5-12-1929; married 4-20-1940 ELIZABETH MAE SHAW, born 4-16-1922, baptized 4-?-1938. Moved from Detroit to Traverse City in 1942. Elizabeth was confirmed on the day she was baptized in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Detroit.



Children:

- 91. Carl Alexander 1941
- 92. John Thoren, II. 1944
- 93. Robert Shaw 1945
- 94. Grant Whitney 1950
- 95. David Cameron 1952
- 96. Meredith Wren 1953

John has succeeded his father as president of Parsons Corp. and has expanded the Aircraft Division which now has factories in Traverse City and Stockton, California and licensees in England, Sweden, and France.

'The utilization of I. B. M. punch card machines for the solution of Engineering and Production problems has established the Company as a leader in this field -- reportedly having the largest computer installation in the State, aside from Detroit and Flint. This work led to the development of the first successful tape controlled milling machine which was built at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under a contract from Parsons. Improved machines are now in production by Bendix Aviation Corporation under an exclusive license arrangement granted by Parsons." The American Machinist Magazine in a recent issue stated that this invention of John's "is the greatest invention since the electric motor."

56. HENRY CARL PARSONS, born 10-7-1915, baptized 12-12-1915, confirmed 5-12-1929; married 3-8-1941 ANNA KATHRYN NELSON, born 2-13-1921, baptized 6-23-1921, confirmed 6-3-1934.

Children:

- 97. Judith Ann 1942
- 98. William Henry 1943
- 99. Edith Marie 1947
- 100. Barbara Elaine 1950
- 101. James Carl 1959

Henry earned his Mechanical Engineering degree from Wayne University in 1938. After a total of 17 years with Vickers, Inc., he is now Engineering and Manufacturing Head of their International Division.

57. RUTH SIGRID PARSONS, born 3-20-1917; married 2-12-1944 WILLIAM HEIDGERD, born New York 5-10-1902, baptized 9-30-1917, confirmed 12-2-1917.

Children (adopted); 102. Robert William 1938

103. Ruth Louise 1939

104. Edith Anne 1942

William has been associated with Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. for over 30 years. They are now living in New Paltz, New York in the newest (1799) house on the Oldest Street in America and are active in historical and genealogical affairs.



58. <u>BETTY EDITH PARSONS</u>, born 5-8-1923, baptized 5-27-1923; married 11-7-1947 CARL ALBERT LINDEN, born 2-21-1924, baptized 6-29-1924.

Children:

105. Ruth Jean 1949

106. Roy Carl 1952

107. Donald Bernhard 1957

I have a letter in my possession which was sent to Hattie. I thought many of you would be interested in its contents.
"Dear Aunt Hattie:

We thought you would like to see Don's picture in the family christening dress (made by Charlotta Maria Johnson from her wedding clothes)

My three children have been christened in the dress and believe two of John's have used it. Including mother and Aunt Ruth Kipley and the four Parsons children that means eleven have used the dress. It is still in near perfect condition, with only a small break in a medallion in the front neckline. The dress should still be good for my grandchildren. There is still a thrill each time that we use the dress. It causes much comment from others because such dresses are not often seen these days. Don was christened July 28th.

Betty. "

- 34. HILMER ANDERSON m. GERTRUDE LEHNEN Jennie-Peter
- 59. JEAN LOUISE ANDERSON, born 10-10-1935, confirmed 2-15-1948; married 7-13-1957 JERE GENE WELIVER.

108. Jere Gene 1959109. Amy Gretchen 1961

- 60. ALLEN RICHARD ANDERSON, born 8-2-1940, baptized 10-20-1940; confirmed 3-2-1952.
 - 35. WILBERT C. E. ANDERSON m. CATHERINE GALLOP

 Jennie-Peter
- 61. MARGARET JOAN ANDERSON, born 7-14-1938, baptized 8-14-1938, confirmed 4-6-1952.
- 62. PETER NEIL ANDERSON, born 9-17-1940, baptized 10-17-1940; confirmed 11-7-1954.
- 63. PAMELA KATHRINE ANDERSON born 5-21-1946, baptized 6-23-1946.



- 38. HAROLD L. JOHNSON m. LAVERGNE JOHNSON Robert-Peter
- 64. TERRY ALLEN JOHNSON, born 4-14-1934
- 65. KAREN SUE JOHNSON, born 2-7-1941
 - 39. DOROTHY JOHNSON m. EDWARD VALLELY Robert-Peter
- 66. DONALD VALLELY, born 1-4-1929, baptized 2-?-1929; married 2-20-1954 PATRICIA CLEMENS

Children:

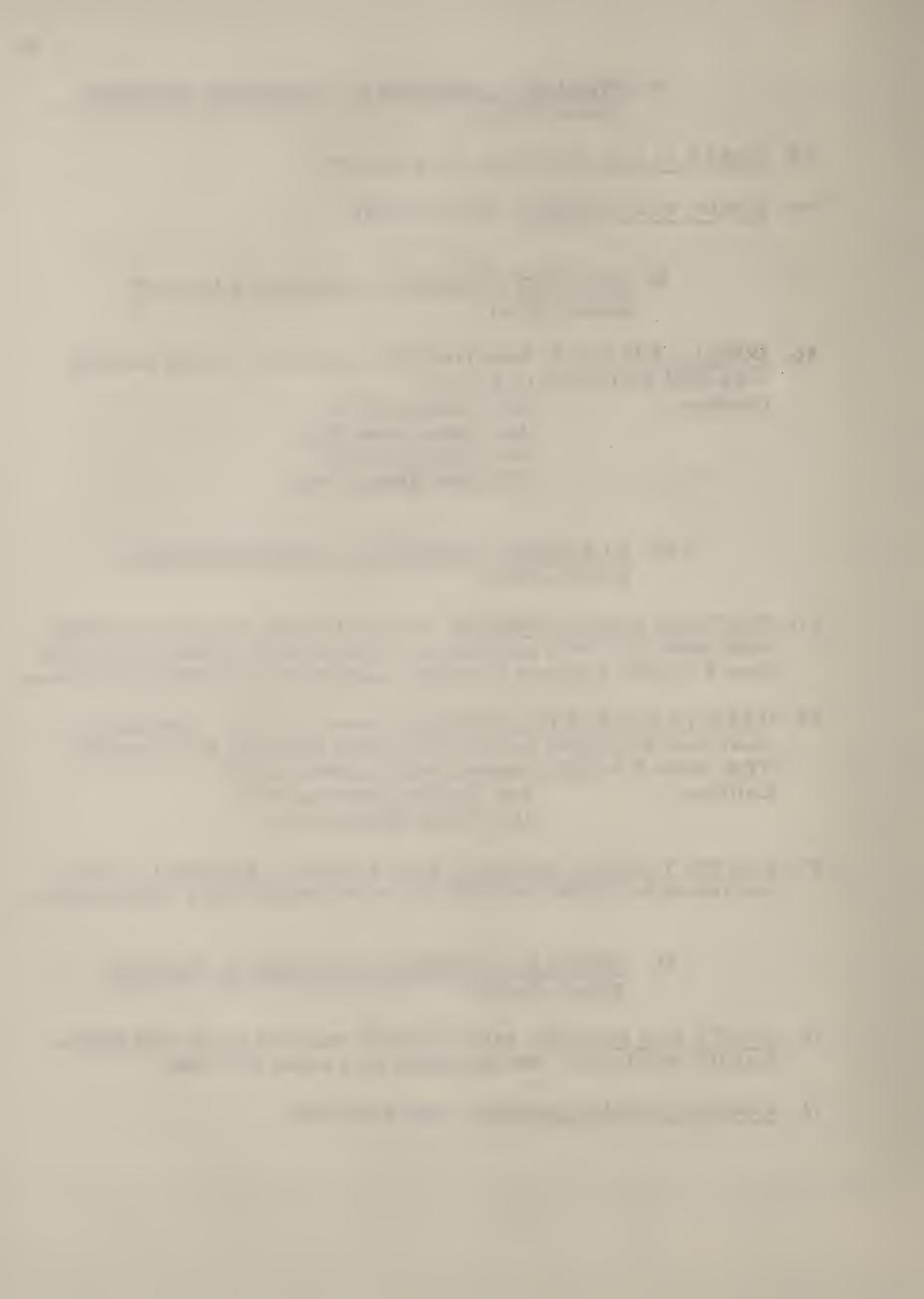
110. Kathleen 1955

111. Betty Anne 1956

112. Susan Joy 1957

113. John Donald 1959

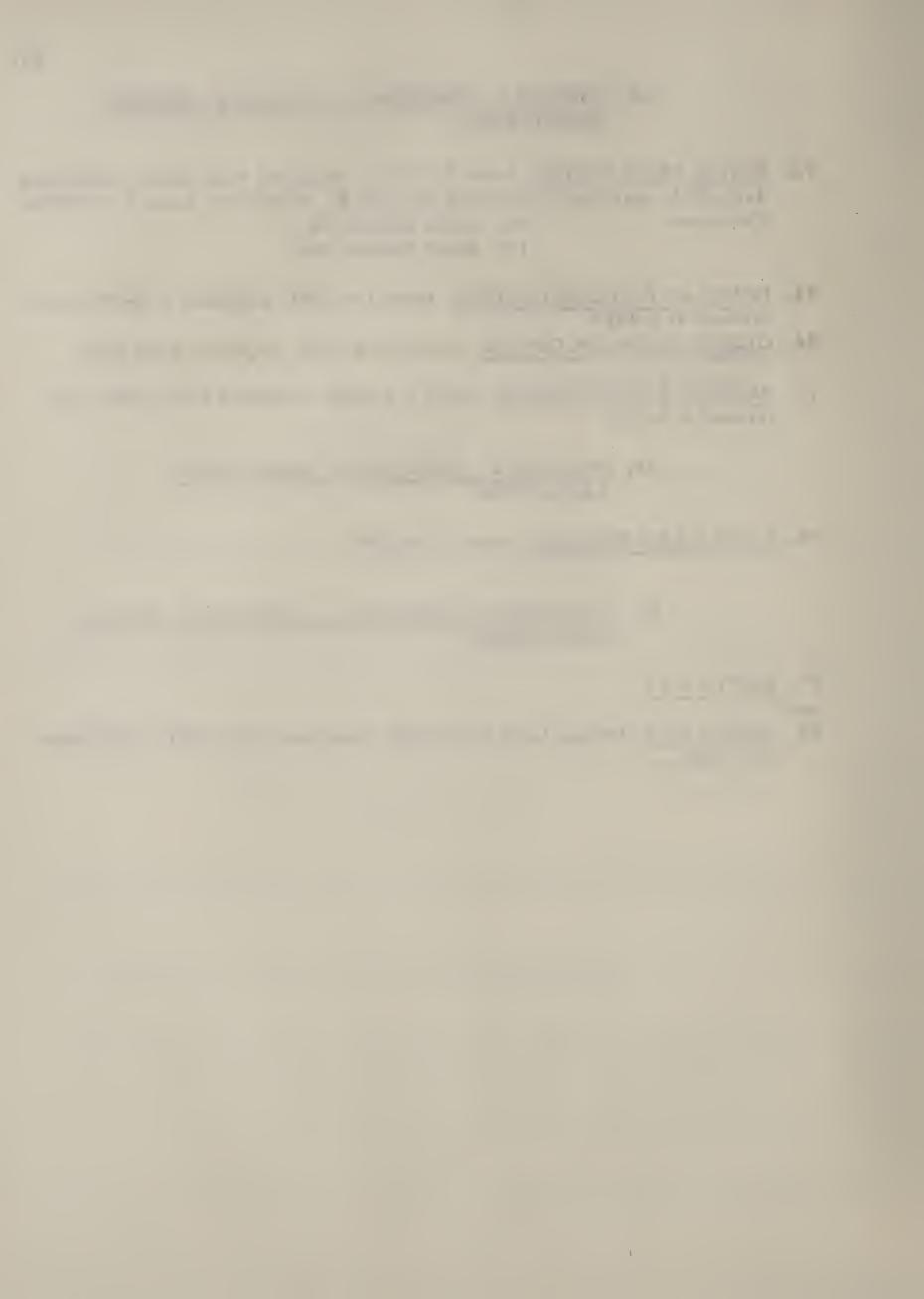
- 40. BLANCHE S. JOHNSON m. FRANK JOHNSON Robert-Peter
- 67. BERTRAM FRANK JOHNSON, born 10-18-1929, baptized 3-2-1930; confirmed 4-18-1943; married 11-17-1950 EDITH VERNELL OLIVER, born 2-9-1931, baptized 11-4-1943, confirmed 2-23-1955. No children.
- 68. MARILYN CHARLOTTA JOHNSON, born 12-7-1930, baptized 1931; confirmed 4-12-1944; married 10-14-1950 GEORGE WILLIAM SEA-VER, born 7-5-1928, baptized 1929; confirmed 1937 Children: 114. Geoffrey William 1952
 115. Glenn William 1953
- 69. CARRIE VIRGINIA JOHNSON, born 9-28-1942, baptized 1-17-1943; conifrmed 5-20-1956; married 12-16-1960 BOBBY DAY PATTERSON.
 - 41. GRACE M. JOHNSON m. GEORGE C. DuFOUR Robert-Peter
- 70. NANCY ANN DuFOUR, born 5-13-1937; married 12-24-1960 BERN-HARDT WENDLER. She graduated as a nurse 9-11-1960.
- 71. GEORGE HOLMES DuFOUR, born 5-14-1941.



- 43. ESTHER E. JOHNSON m. ELMER F. GROTE Robert-Peter
- 72. JOYCE FERN GROTE, born 8-3-1937, baptized 9-26-1937; confirmed 3-18-1951; married 12-22-1956 ALLAN E. WALTER, born 2-28-1935. Children:

 116. Todd Allan 1958

 117. Scott Wendel 1961
- 73. <u>DOUGLAS GAYLORD GROTE</u>, born 3-8-1941, baptized 4-5-1941, confirmed 4-?-1953.
- 74. GLENN DEITRICK GROTE, born 11-14-1945, baptized 4-29-1947
- 75. ROBERT RUSSEL GROTE, born 1-4-1948, baptized 6-25-1949, confirmed 4-5-1961
 - 44. FRANCIS W. HEINLEN m. ANNA HUFF Laura-Peter
- 76. LAURA LEE HEINLEN, born 3-16-1936
 - 45. DOROTHY C. HEINLEN m. HOWARD R. OTT II
 Laura-Peter
- 77. BETTY OTT and
- 78. BOBBY OTT, twins, born 11-14-1946, baptized 3-20-1947, confirmed 4-3-1960.

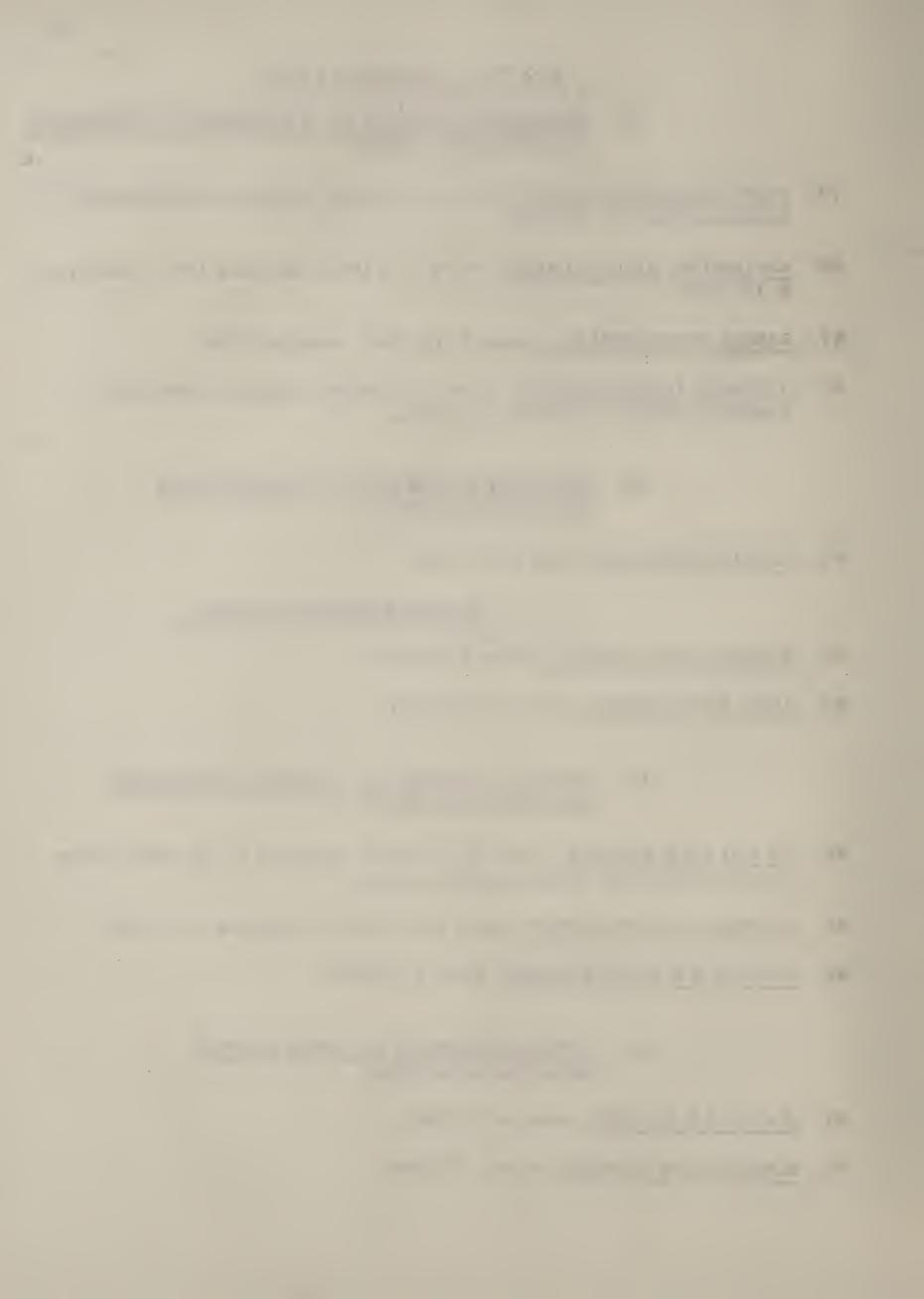


SIXTH GENERATION

- 49. THOMAS C. KIPLEY m. FLORENCE L. KROEGER
 Ruth-Charlotta-Peter
- 79. JOHN CHARLES KIPLEY, born 2-28-1940, baptized 1940 Emmaus Lutheran Church, Detroit.
- 80. KATHRINE RUTH KIPLEY, born 5-1-1943, baptized 1943, confirmed 5-19-1957.
- 81. LINDA JEAN KIPLEY, born 9-17-1947, baptized 1947.
- 82. THOMAS JAMES KIPLEY, born 3-16-1950, baptized 1950 Grace Lutheran Church, Redford Township.
 - 50. WILLIAM F. KIPLEY m. MELBA WIRE Ruth-Charlotta-Peter
- 83. MARIAM KIPLEY, born 2-14-1938

m. 2nd BURGETTA BOLT

- 84. SANDRA KAY KIPLEY, born 2-20-1944
- 85. <u>JERI ANN KIPLEY</u>, born 11-19-1947
 - 52. DAVID G. KIPLEY m. JEANNE GREENHOE Ruth-Charlotta-Peter
- 86. DAVID MAX KIPLEY, born 10-10-1949, baptized 11-26-1949 Grace Episcopal Church, Traverse City, Mich.
- 87. DANIEL ALLEN KIPLEY, born 10-31-1951, baptized 6-15-1952
- 88. RICHARD ETHAN KIPLEY, born 1-7-1957
 - 53. CHARLES KIPLEY m. ONIE LOFTIS
 Ruth-Charlotta-Peter
- 89. RANDALL KIPLEY, born 6-19-1952
- 90. KAREN KAY KIPLEY, born 5-5-1956



55. JOHN T. PARSONS m. ELIZABETH M. SHAW Edith-Charlotta-Peter

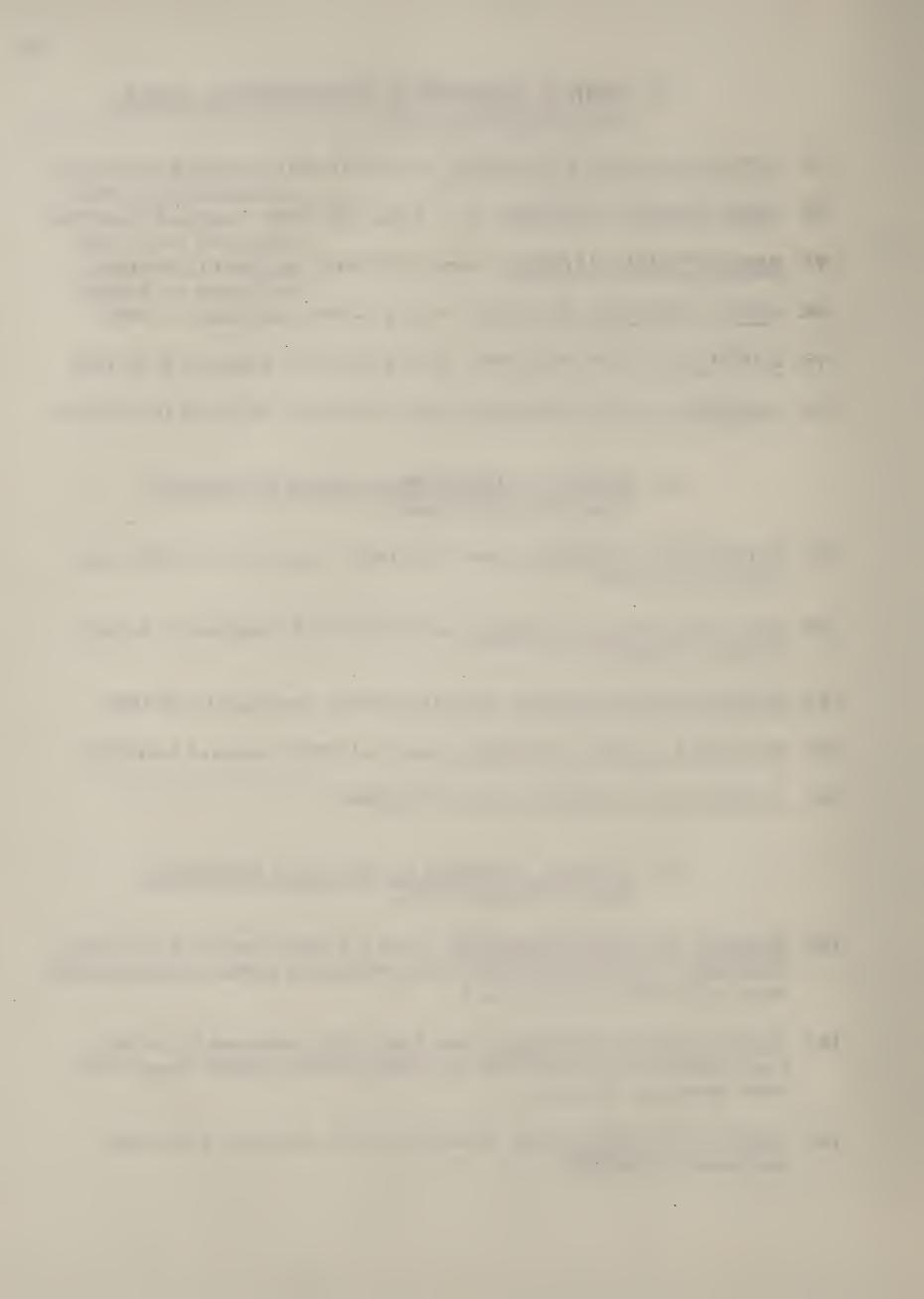
- 91. CARL ALEXANDER PARSONS, born 8-31-1941, baptized 10-12-1941, confirmed 11-6-1955.
- 92. JOHN THOREN PARSONS, II., born 6-18-1944, baptized 10-8-1944, confirmed 5-11-1958.
- 93. ROBERT SHAW PARSONS, born 9-15-1945, baptized 12-24-1946, confirmed 4-10-1960.
- 94. GRANT WHITNEY PARSONS, born 3-1-1950, baptized 4-2-1950
- 95. DAVID CAMERON PARSONS, born 3-25-1952, baptized 9-28-1952
- 96. MEREDITH WREN PARSONS, born 9-25-1953, baptized 10-25-1953

56. HENRY C. PARSONS m. ANNA K. NELSON Edith-Charlotta-Peter

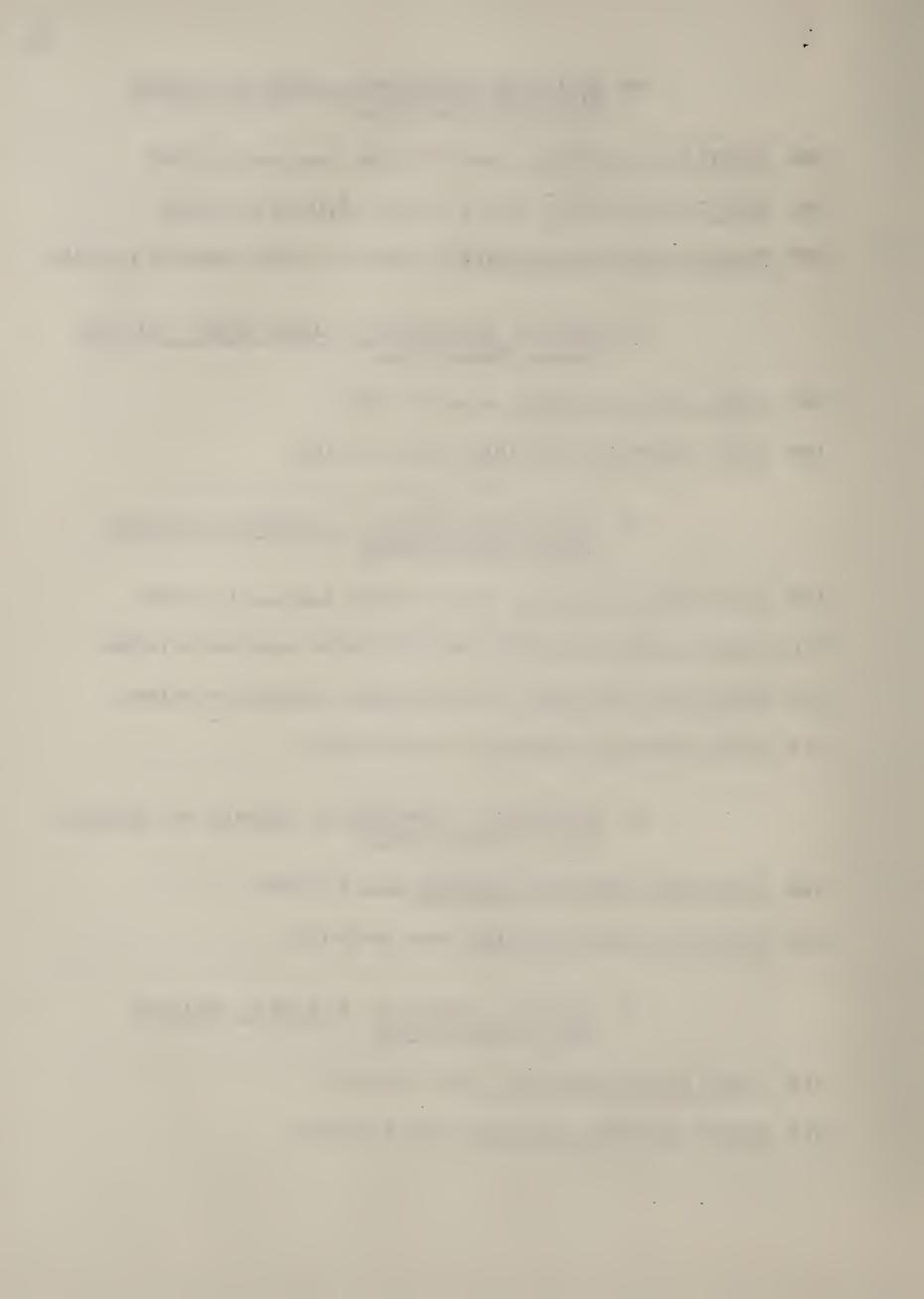
- 97. JUDITH ANN PARSONS, born 9-17-1942, baptized 12-6-1942; confirmed 5-20-1956
- 98. <u>WILLIAM HENRY PARSONS</u>, born 12-12-1943, baptized 3-5-1944; firmed 5-19-1957
- 99. EDITH MARIE PARSONS, born 10-16-1947, baptized 11-30-1947
- 100. BARBARA ELAINE PARSONS, born 11-1-1950, baptized 1-21-1951
- 101. JAMES CARL PARSONS, born 12-15-1959

57. RUTH S. PARSONS m. WILLIAM HEIDGERD Edith-Charlotta-Peter

- 102. ROBERT WILLIAM HEIDGERD, born 7-5-1938, baptized 6-16-1940; confirmed 5-8-1952; married 7-30-1961 MARY ANNE McCULLOUGH, born 3-22-1939, Bayside, L. I.
- 103. RUTH LOUISE HEIDGERD, born 7-22-1939, baptized 2-28-1943; confirmed 5-8-1952; married 7-8-1961 CORNEL ROSU, born 9-25-1930, Battonya, Hungary.
- 104. EDITH ANNE HEIDGERD, born 10-13-1942, baptized 2-28-1943; confirmed 4-26-1956.



- 58. BETTY E. PARSONS m. CARL A. LINDEN Edith-Charlotta-Peter
- 105. RUTH JEAN LINDEN, born 2-24-1949, baptized 5-8-1949
- 106. ROY CARL LINDEN, born 5-6-1952, baptized 6-29-1952
- 107. DONALD BERNHARD LINDEN, born 5-20-1957, baptized 7-28-1957
 - 59. JEAN L. ANDERSON m. JERE GENE WELIVER Hilmer-Jennie-Peter
- 108. JERE GENE WELIVER, born 10-7-1959
- 109! AMY GRETCHEN WELIVER, born 4-11-1961
 - 66. DONALD VALLELY m. PATRICIA CLEMENS
 Dorothy-Robert-Peter
- 110. KATHLEEN VALLELY, born 1-5-1955, baptized 1-23-1955.
- 111. BETTY ANNE VALLELY, born 2-16-1956, baptized 3-11-1956
- 112. SUSAN JOY VALLELY, born 8-29-1957, baptized 9-15-1957
- 113. JOHN DONALD VALLELY, born 12-3-1959
 - 68. MARILYN C. JOHNSON m. GEORGE W. SEAVER
 Blanche-Robert-Peter
- 114. GEOFFREY WILLIAM SEAVER, born 5-2-1952
- 115. GLENN WILLIAM SEAVER, born 10-29-1953
 - 72. JOYCE F. GROTE m. ALLAN E. WALTER Esther-Robert-Peter
- 116. TODD ALLAN WALTER, born 7-16-1957
- 117. SCOTT WENDEL WALTER, born 5-21-1961



COLLATERAL LINES

I. The CONRAD ELM Family

LARS CONRAD (ALMQVIST) ELM, born 8-4-1816 Eckby, Dalsland, Sweden; married in Sweden (date unknown) HEDDA M. SETTERBLAD born Eckby 1-19-1814. He left his family to go to America in 1853 with the intention of sending for them after he was located. However, the trip was not as easy as that, for he was shipwrecked. He lost everything that he had except the clothing that he was wearing, with only a few dollars in his pockets. He arrived in America from Bolanga, Qvannum, Sweden, in the year 1853.

In those days immigrants were often sent up to the lumber camps unless some friend here had secured a job for them. He had no one, so he went to the lumber camp in Michigan. At camp there were many Irishmen working there and they could not get the name Almqvist over their tongues, so they told him that his name now was Elm. So that was it for the remainder of his life. That's how he had his name shortened.

My mother, Mrs. Peter Johnson, told Hattie, that her mother, Hedda Elm, supported her family during the period that the father was in America in the following manner: They lived in a college town called Skara. They lived in a large house, so she rented out rooms and served meals to the students, thereby supporting the family.

In the year 1858 Conrad Elm sent for his family. They must have arrived early in the year 1858 for on May 30, 1859 there was great joy in the family for it was then that the first and only son was born.

On October 25, 1866, the mother of this family came to the end of her earthly travels. She was laid to rest in the family lot in Graceland Cemetery. Age 52 years.

Conrad Elm married second 9-15-1872 ANNA ALLANDER, born 5-8-1823 in Alstan, Varmland, Sweden. She arrived in America from Carlstad, Sweden, in the year 1871. She died 10-25-1887 at the age of 64 years. Received as a member of the manuel Lutheran Church 5-28-1871. There were no children of this marriage.

Conrad Elm died 12-9-1897 at 81 years and was buried in the family plot, north half of Lot #5, Section P, Graceland Cemetery.

It is extremely difficult for the people of today to believe or realize what those pioneers had to go through then. It took them six to eleven weeks to travel across the ocean in a sailing vessel, taking their own food with them. They had no modern luggage as



we have. They had carpet bags, large draw-string sacks similar to gunny sacks. Then to finally land, sick, tired, disgusted, and then probably find no one to greet you or talk to you and you could not be understood. What a spot!

Conrad Elm was also active in the affairs of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Smanuel Church. He was elected as a trustee in the year 1864 for a three year term. Then after the great Chicago Fire, a 36-man committee was elected of which he was a member. This committee was given a job that most men would turn their backs to. The old church had been burned down with a mortgage on it. The new church had been built, with a mortgage on it. Great Chicago Fire had come along and wiped that out, so now they were with no place to worship. Their job was to find a place to worship, get a new church started, pay all of the mortgages, and to show the rest of the world that the Imanuel Church did its duty with the help of God and prayers.

118. L. CONRAD ELM m. HEDDA M. SETTERBLAD

- 119. ANNA MARIA CHETHONISE ELM, born 4-12-1846 Fremmesta, Sweden, confirmed 6-14-1863; died 8-11-1935 unmarried. Aunt Anna Elm was farmed out to a family that had two children. Anna had to take care of them and do all kinds of other chores, many of which were not always very pleasant to do. The treatment was not always too good. She had to sleep over a barn in a room without heat. However, that was not for very long, for they brought her back to her mother when Anna could not work because of illness.
- HEDWIG CHARLOTTA ELM, born 8-31-1849 Falkoping, Sweden, 120. confirmed 5-15-1864; married 9-18-1867 (#2) PETER JOHNSON, which see.
- 121. MARGARETTA WILHELMINA ELM, born 3-30-1851, confirmed 6-4-1867; died 4-27-1925; married 8-4-1871 MARTIN ANDERSON born 11-7-1847, died 2-21-1891. She was known as "Minnie". Children:

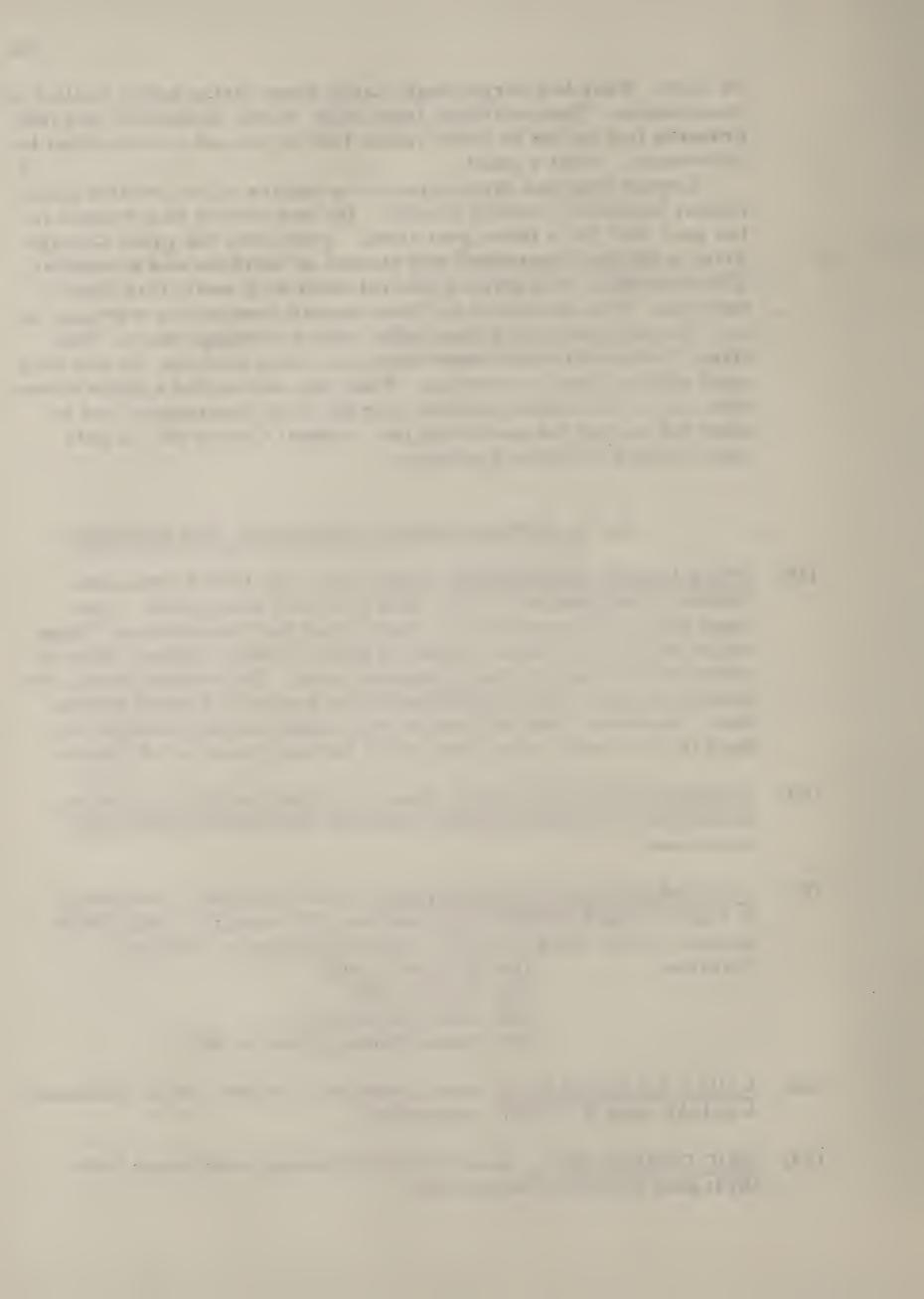
124. Samuel L. 1876

125. Carl C. 1883

126. Anna Marie 1887

127. Laura Hedwig Elenora 1889

- LAURA MATILDA ELM, born Qvannum 3-30-1851, twin, confirmed 122. 6-2-1867; died 3-12-1917, unmarried.
- ERIC CONRAD ELM, born 5-30-1859 Chicago, confirmed 5-24-123. 1874; died 5-10-1914, unmarried.



121. M. WILHELMINA ELM m. MARTIN ANDERSON

124. SAMUEL LAURENTIUS ANDERSON, born 5-12-1876, baptized 6-5-1876; confirmed 3-22-1891; died 12-25-1955; married 10-19-1907 OLGA PAULINA BORGESON, born 4-13-1882, baptized 5-5-1882, confirmed 4-18-1897; died 9-10-1925.

Children:

128. Samuel Jr. 1908

129. Howard 1910

130. Paul 1912

Samuel married second 2-6-1929 ADA ANDERSON, who mothered the children until they married, and who is still a member of old Immanuel.

His obituary from the "Lutheran Companion" follows:

DISTINGUISHED LAYMAN DIES

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago, lost one of its most distinguished members on Christmas day when Samuel L. Anderson, affectionately known by all Augustana folks in the Chicago area as "Sam", passed away.

Born in Chicago, May 12, 1876, he was baptized in the old Immanuel Church June 5th the same year, and remained a member throughout the 79 years of his life. During that time he served the congregation in almost every area of its activities. For 40 years he was a member of the choir, and for 25 years he held the position of Sunday School superintendent. He was also a member of both church boards for many years, and during the last 15 years he served as financial secretary and parish visitor. In the latter capacity he made innumerable visits to members of Immanuel, who found much comfort and help in the kindness and spiritual warmth of this splendid churchman.

Mr. Anderson was the best informed man in the parish concerning its history. He served under all but one of the pastors of Immanuel during its 102 years, Pastor Erland Carlsson, the first pastor of Immanuel, had left just one year before Sam was born.

He gave unstintingly of his time, not only to his own parish, but also to many tasks in the Church at large. He served as auditor for the Illinois Conference for 30 years, and was a member of the Inner Mission Board, and on the Examination and Placement Committee of the Augustana Seminary. He also served as a delegate to both Conference and Synod many times.

125. CARL CONRAD ANDERSON, born 1-21-1883, baptized 2-18-1883; confirmed 4-10-1898; married 3-4-1916 KATE KRUEGER, born 1890; confirmed 1904.

Children:

- 131. Robert 1917
- 132. Kathren 1918
- 133. Herbert 1919
- 134. Ruth 1921
- 135. Leroy 1922
- 136. Kenneth 1926



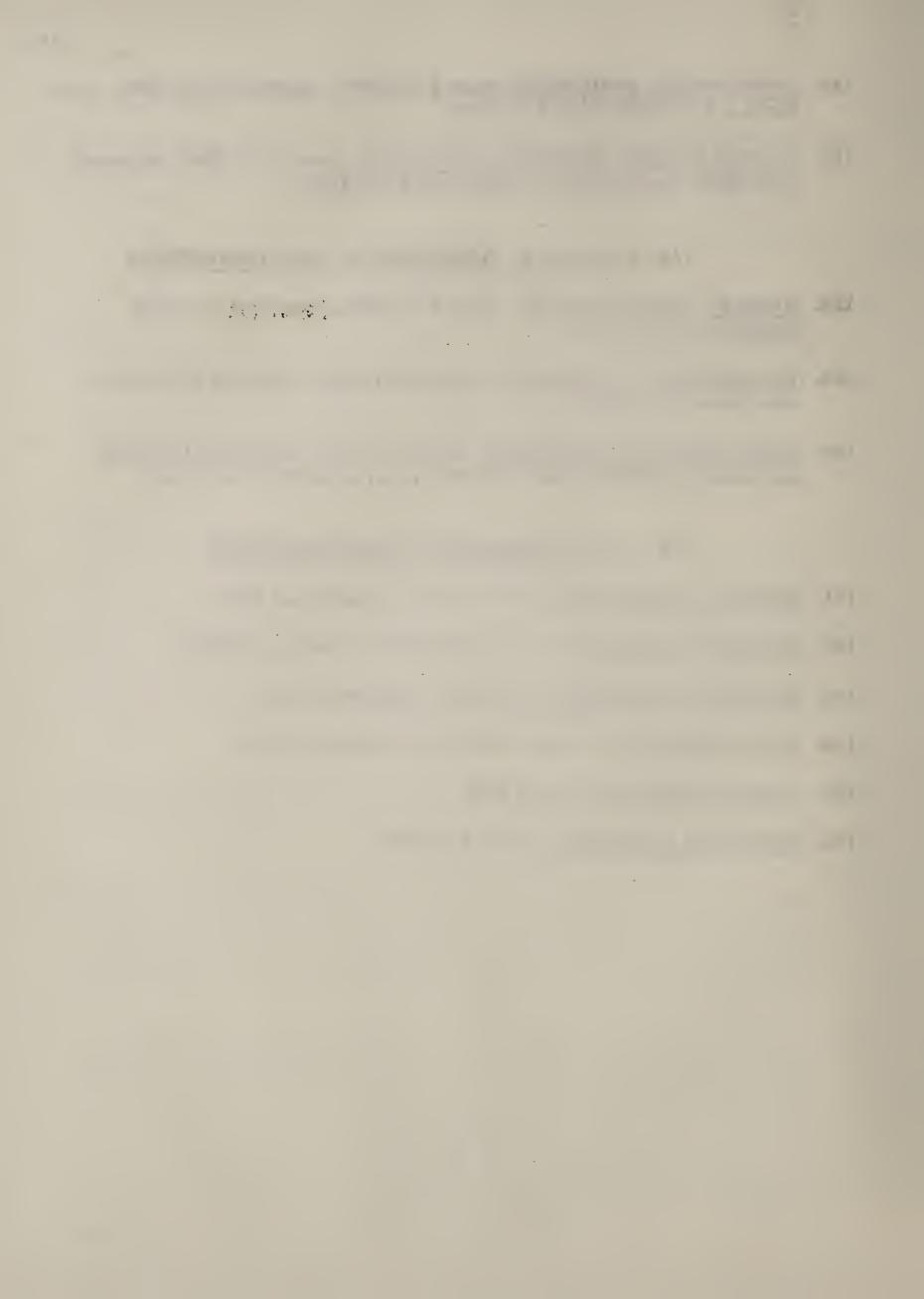
- 126. ANNA MARIE ANDERSON, born 8-26-1887, baptized 10-2-1887, confirmed 4-19-1903; died 9-10-1924.
- 127. LAURA HEDWIG ELENORA ANDERSON, born 12-7-1889, baptized 1-12-1890, confirmed 4-17-1904; died 6-1-1927.

124. SAMUEL L. ANDERSON m. OLGA BORGESON

- 128. SAMUEL ANDERSON JR., born 2-13-1908, baptized 1-3-1909, confirmed 4-29-1923
- 129. HOWARD ELM ANDERSON, born 10-17-1910, baptized 11-23-1910, confirmed 5-10-1925
- 130. PAUL HERMAN ANDERSON, born 10-9-1912, baptized 11-11-1912, confirmed 5-1-1927; died 8-15-1923 in an automobile accident.

125. CARL ANDERSON m. KATE KRUEGER

- 131. ROBERT ANDERSON, born 6-2-1917, confirmed 1932
- 132. KATHREN ANDERSON, born 10-18-1918, confirmed 1933
- 133. HERBERT ANDERSON, born 1919 confirmed 1934
- 134. RUTH ANDERSON, born 1-26-1921, confirmed 1934
- 135. LEROY ANDERSON, born 1922
- 136. KENNETH ANDERSON, born 3-12-1926



II. The NYLEN-PETERSON Family

137. PETER NYLEN. I have been told that he served in the Military of Sweden all of his life. He married KAJSA (or CASIE).....and had

six children:

138. Jacob 1834

139. Kajsa

140. Anna

141. Olof 1844

142. Stina 1849 1645519

143. Axel 1854

137. PETER NYLEN m. KAJSA.....

138. <u>JACOB PETERSON (NYLEN)</u> born Sweden 1834; died Chicago, 1892; married 1859 ANNA JOHNSON, born 6-18-1839; died 1927. They came to America in 1878.

Children:

144. Mary 1860

145. Ada 1863

146. Oscar 1865

147. Fred 1869

148. Ella 1874

149. Axel 1877

150. Emily 1879

- 139. KAJSA PETERSON (NYLEN).
- 140. ANNA PETERSON (NYLEN), born, married, and died in Sweden. She married NELS NELSON, brother of CHARLES NELSON, and had four children.
- 141. OLOF PETERSON (NYLEN), born in Sweden 1844; died in Michigan 1929. Married and had three children:

151. Matilda 1873

152. Herman 1875

.153. Olga 1879

142. STINA PETERSON (NYLEN), born 2-12-1849, died 1933 of pneumonia. A Transfer Certificate states as follows: "A young lady, Stina Peter's daughter, from Eastern Spek, Sweden, Arvika Congregation, Wermlands La Kingdom, born 2-12-1849, to be married, after instruction. Was married May 8, 1871. She left for America May 8, 1878." By this marriage she had a daughter:

154. Othilia

She married second in 1885 CHARLES NELSON of Stephenson, Mich. who died in 1911 of a stroke.



142. Stina Peterson (cont.)

Children:

155. Helen 1878

156. Anna 1886

157. Laura 1887

143. AXEL PETERSON (NYLEN), born 1-24-1854; died 8-9-1938; married 7-5-1876 KAJSA PERSDOTTER, born 9-27-1851, died 9-19-1921. He arrived in America in May, 1876. A copy of a paper among his things left after his death, reads as follows:

"Ung-karl Axel Peterson (Nylen) og sin jung-fru Kajsa Persdotter, bege fra Vermland, Sverige, er af mig Agterrede i den Danske Trenstateis Kirke dent 5te Juli, 1876. Dette bevidnes herved i over instemelse med Kirkebogen.

Chicago, July 5th, 1876

Under the Seal of the Danish Lutheran Trinistatis Church books.

C. Gerberg, pastor"

Children:

158. Mary Charlotta 1877

159. Conrad

160. Sophia 1882

161. Charles R. 1884

162. Ede 1886

163. Oscar 1889

164. Esther 1892

138. JACOB PETERSON m. ANNA JOHNSON

144. MARY PETERSON, born 1-26-1860; died 12-23-1932; married 6-24-1884 ALFRED GUSTAFSON, born 8-26-1858 Holmestad, Kampaslaten, Sweden, died 10-2-1929. He left Sweden 3-23-1880 and arrived in Thornton, Ill. 4-15.

Children:

165. Oscar 1885

166. Arthur 1888

167. Charles 1890

168. George 1892

169. Axel 1895

170. Lillian 1898

145. ADA PETERSON, born in Salboda, Gunnarskog, Varmland, 1-15-1863; died Chicago Heights 2-18-1946; married 12-27-1882 CHARLES IVAR SETTERBLAD, born Halmstad, Sweden 10-30-1859, son of CARL SETTERBLAD & MARIE JOHNSON. He sailed for America 3-22-1880 and arrived in Chicago 4-15-1880. He died Racine, Wis. 2-6-1932. She came to America in 1878.



145. Ada Peterson (cont.)

Children: -

171. Oscar Carl 1883

172. Richard Fritheof 1885

173. Ragnar Ferdinand 1888

174. Birger Frederick 1890

175. Edgar Albin 1892

176. Sigrid Eleanor 1894

177. Rogna Henrietta

178, Adla Natalie 1899

146. OSCAR PETERSON, born 1865; died 1935; married 1898 ROSE THORN, who died Nov. 1960.

Children:

179. Annabelle

180. Violet

181. Florence

182. Helen

183. Oscar

184. Jeannette

185. Rosemary

186. Charles

147. FRED PETERSON, born Gunnarskog, Sweden, 1869; died 4-22-1961; married 8-15-1899 MINNIE MAE MANLEY, born 3-4-1878; died 10-5-1938. He was born 4-15-1868

Children:

187. Fred Cyril 1900

188. George Nylen 1903

189. Zylpha Sigrid 1901

190. Theodore 1906

148. ELLA PETERSON, born 1-29-1874; died 10-2-1934; married GEORGE WELLS, born 12-23-1873; died 8-13-1858 at Grand Rapids, Mich. They had three children and later divorced.

Children:

191. Robert 1894

192. George 1897

193. Dorothy 1901

149. AXEL PETERSON, born 1877; died 1928 unmarried

150. EMILY PETERSON, born 1879; died 1933; married PETER SON-NENBERG.

Children:

194. Eugene

195. Bruce



141. OLOF PETERSON m. ?

151. MATILDA PETERSON, born 3-13-1873 in Michigan; died 11-14-1933;

Married and had:

196. Edward

Married second and had five children:

197. Ralph

198. Ethel

199. Clarence

200. Ruth

201. Irene

152. HERMAN PETERSON, born 6-23-1875; died 1-23-1945; married and had one son:

202. Kenneth 1916

He was a lumber-camp cook for years.

153. OLGA PETERSON, born 7-4-1879; died 3-?-1961

142. STINA PETERSON m. ?

154. OTHILIA.....born in Sweden, lived with her uncle Axel Peterson until she married in Chicago AXEL ANDERSON. She died 1895. No children.

m. 2nd CHARLES NELSON

155. <u>HELEN NELSON</u>, born Chicago 5-15-1878; died 6-30-1959; married 10-?-1900 JOEL BERGSTROM.

Children:

203. Hazel 1901

204. Melvin 1905

205. Vera 1908

206. Evelyn 1912

207. Sidney 1916

- 156. ANNA NELSON, born 2-15-1886; married I. ERICKSON in 1926. He died 1936. No children. She married second 1942 AUGUST BECK, a widower with four children. Three of them are now married and he has seven grandchildren. The Becks live in California in Coving, Tustin, and Hemet.
- 157. LAURA NELSON, born 11-30-1887; died 12-5-1958 in Minneapolis; married 1908 CARL NORVAL. Spent most of her married life in Escanaba, Mich.

Children:

208. Laverne Norval 1909

209. Helen 1912

210. Donald 1916



143. AXEL PETERSON m. KAJSA PERSDOTTER

- 158. MARY CHARLOTTA PETERSON, born 5-23-1877, baptized 6-27-1877; confirmed 5-1-1892; died 4-5-1942; married 3-7-1900 (#12) E. ROBERT JOHNSON, which see.
- 159. CONRAD PETERSON
- 160. SOPHIA PETERSON, born 11-9-1882; died 1-26-1911
- 161. CHARLES R. PETERSON, born 4-28-1884, confirmed 5-29-1898; died 4-22-1953; married 7-21-1915 MAMIE PESCHEL, born 4-19-1896 Child: 211. Marion 1917
- 162. EDE PETERSON, born 5-13-1886, confirmed 5-12-1901; died 5-15-1959.
- 163. OSCAR PETERSON born 5-30-1889, baptized 5-?-1906; died 12-1-1916; married AGNES DAHLGREN, born 3-1-1889
 Child: 212. Delmar 1913
- 164. ESTHER PETERSON, born 1-24-1892, baptized 2-27-1892; confirmed 5-?-1906; married 1-8-1913 EDWIN R. GUSTAFSON, born 5-2-1886, confirmed 5-18-1902, died 8-29-1958.

144. MARY PETERSON m. ALFRED GUSTAFSON

165. OSCAR GUSTAFSON, born 9-1-1885; married 5-20-1911 BESSIE NESSER.

Child: 213. Betty Jane

166. ARTHUR GUSTAFSON, born 1-11-1888; married 6-5-1920 JANE BROWN.

Children:

214. Mary 215. Jane

- 167. CHARLES GUSTAFSON, born 1890; died 9-9-1900 aged 10
- 168. GEORGE GUSTAFSON, born 1892; died 8-29-1894 aged 2
- 169. AXEL B. GUSTAFSON, born 7-30-1895; died 7-14-1956; married 10-14-1929 JEAN MARIE SNYDER. No children. He was an employee of Singer Sewing Machine Co. for a period of 46 years. Auditor and district manager.
- 170. LILLIAN GUSTAFSON, born 3-24-1898; married 10-3-1936 PETER JOHNSON. No children.

145. ADA PETERSON m. CHARLES I. SETTERBLAD

- 171. OSCAR CARL SETTERBLAD, born 11-18-1883; died in infancy.
- 172. RICHARD FRITHEOF SETTERBLAD, born 8-11-1885; died 6-5-1955;
- 173. RAGNAR FERDINAND SETTERBLAD, born 1-15-1888; died infancy
- 174. BIRGER FREDERICK SETTERBLAD, born 5-31-1890; died 3-?-1956
- 175. EDGAR ALBIN SETTERBLAD, born 8-26-1892, died in infancy
- 176. SIGRID ELEANORA SETTERBLAD, born 7-13-1894; married 9-2-1922 WILLIAM HOWARD EWING, born in Pennsylvania 10-13-1892; died Chicago Heights 2-10-1956. No children.
- 177. ROGNA HENRIETTA SETTERBLAD, born 12-2-1896
- 178. ADLA NATALIE SETTERBLAD, born 4-26-1899

146. OSCAR PETERSON m. ROSE THORN

- 179. ANNABELLE PETERSON
- 180. VIOLET PETERSON
- 181. FLORENCE PETERSON
- 182. HELEN PETERSON
- 183. OSCAR PETERSON
- 184. JEANNETTE PETERSON
- 185. ROSEMARY PETERSON
- 186. CHARLES PETERSON

147. FRED PETERSON m. MINNIE MAE MANLEY

187. FRED CYRIL PETERSON, born 7-17-1900; married 9-2-1933 at Crown Point, Ind. MILDRED LICHTENWALTER, born 5-30-1911. No children.

- 188. GEORGE NYLEN PETERSON, born 7-10-1903; married 2-17-1923 FRANCES ARANDA, born 2-8-1904.
 Child: 216. Dolores June
- 189. ZYLPHA SIGRID PETERSON, born 12-9-1901; married 11-9-1926

 JOHN FAIRMAN, born 2-16-1886; died 1-31-1939

 Child: 217. Patrick Joseph 1931
- 190. THEODORE PETERSON, born 12-3-1906; married INEZ G. ECK, born 3-26-1908. No children

148. ELLA PETERSON m. GEORGE WELLS

191. ROBERT WELLS, born 7-11-1894; died 8-22-1942; married 11-24-1915 MABEL SMITH.

Children:

218. Robert Jr. 1916

219. Georgia 1918

- 192. GEORGE WELLS, born 3-24-1897; married 5-26-1919 ALICE ECKBLAD born 8-18-1898. No children
- 193. DOROTHY WELLS, born 6-26-1901; married FRANK BASSETT.

 Child: 220. Ralph 1931

150. EMILY PETERSON m. PETER SONNENBERG

- 194. EUGENE SONNENBERG
- 195. BRUCE SONNENBERG, living in Florida.

151. MATILDA PETERSON m. ?

196. EDWARD.....

m. 2nd ?

197. RALPH..... married and has three children; all married

221. Sonja

222. Nona

223. Jean

198. ETHEL.... died of a blood clot. Married and had three children:

224. Ruth

225. Weldon

226. Clarence

- 199. CLARENCE....
- 200. RUTH died of diabetes
- 201. IRENE..... married and has two children:

227. Myrna

228. Marvin

152. HERMAN PETERSON m. ?

202. KENNETH PETERSON, born 1916; married VIOLET McDONELL. No children.

155. HELEN NELSON m. JOEL BERGSTROM

203. HAZEL BERGSTROM, born 7-20-1901; married 1928 LESTER MARSHALL. She taught school for several years.

Children:

229. Richard 1935

230. Joan 1932

- 204. MELVIN BERGSTROM, born 10-21-1905. Married but no children.
- 205. VERA BERGSTROM, born 1-29-1908; married 1941 JAMES HOPKINS. No children. She is a nurse.
- 206. EVELYN BERGSTROM, born 10-1-1912; married KENNETH BISBEE in 1941. She taught school for a few years.

Children:

231. David

232. Brian

233. Cheryl

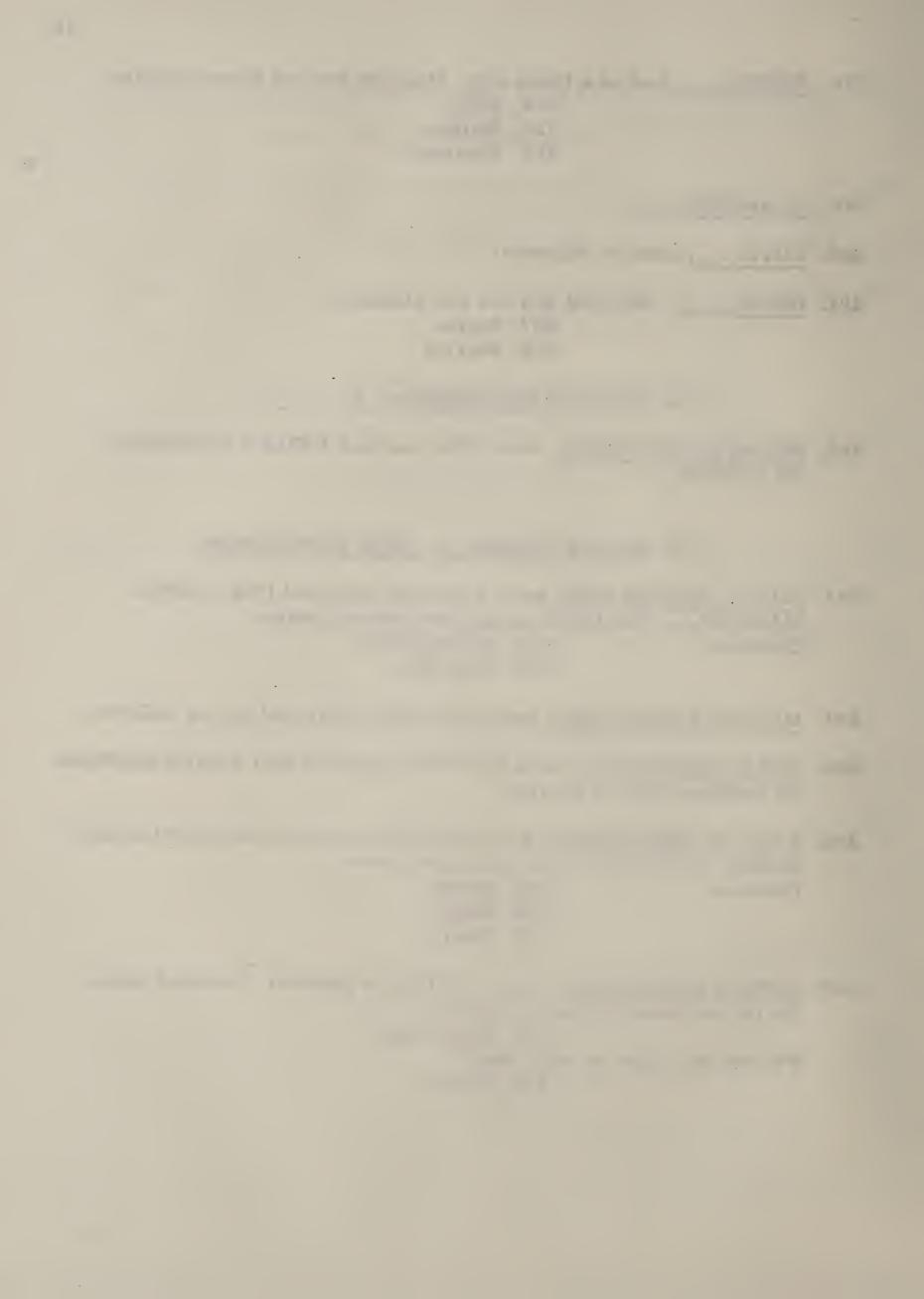
207. SIDNEY BERGSTROM, born 6-6-1916, a plumber, married twice.

By 1st marriage he had a daughter:

234. Carol Lee

By 2nd marriage he had a son:

235. Danny



157. LAURA NELSON m. CARL NORVAL

208. <u>LAVERNE NORVAL</u>, born 3-5-1909; died 2-14-1939; married 1938 MILO JOHNSON.

Child:

236. Ronald Norval

- 209. HELEN NORVAL, born 3-5-1912; married EUGENE HOLZEM. No children. Lives in Minneapolis.
- 210. DONALD NORVAL, born 8-5-1916; died 1955; married and had two children:
 237. Penny Sue
 238. Janet Kay

161. CHARLES R. PETERSON m. MAMIE PESCHEL

211. MARION PETERSON, born 3-24-1917, baptized 4-5-1917; confirmed 5-?-1929; married 12-24-1939 JOSEPH MILES CARTER, born 9-23-1910, baptized 6-5-1951; confirmed 7-?-1951.

Children:

239. Charles 1940

240. Dianne 1944

241. Debora 1951

163. OSCAR PETERSON m. AGNES DAHLGREN

212. DELMAR PETERSON, born 3-21-1913; joined church in New York in 1937.

165. OSCAR GUSTAFSON m. BESSIE NESSER

213. BETTY JANE GUSTAFSON, married ARTHUR KEMPF. Living in Columbus, Ohio.

Child:

242. Kathleen

166. ARTHUR GUSTAFSON m. JANE BROWN

214. MARY GUSTAFSON, married ROBERT LIGHTHALL. Clinton, Ill.

Children:

243. Diane

244. William

245. Roberta

215. JANE GUSTAFSON, married ROBERT MYERS. Clinton, Ill.

246. Stephen

247. David

248. Janet

188. GEORGE NYLEN PETERSON m. FRANCES ARANDA

216. DOLORES JUNE PETERSON, married 1943 RALPH WILLARD.

Child:

249. Ronald 1950

She was divorced and married 2nd JOHN McLAUGHLIN.

Child:

250: Dawn Frances 1959

189. ZYLPHA SIGRID PETERSON m. JOHN FAIRMAN

217. PATRICK JOSEPH FAIRMAN, born 6-30-1931; married in Peoria, Ill. 8-7-1953 MARY L. GREGG

Children:

251. Patrick John 1954

252. Wendy Marie 1959

191. ROBERT WELLS m. MABEL SMITH

218. ROBERT WELLS, JR. b. 9-8-1916; married 4-12-1947, VIRGINIA BERGERSON. He is General Sales Manager of E. J. Brach Candy Co. They reside in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Children:

253. Linda Annie (adopted) 1952

254. Laurie Ann 1960

219. GEORGIA WELLS, born 2-2-1918; married 9-7-1940 PAUL LARSON who died of a heart attack 12-14-1953. Residence, Davenport, Iowa.

Children:

255. Paillip 1942

256. Richard 1944

257. Martha 1948

258. Helene 1954

193. DOROTHY WELLS m. FRANK BASSETT

229. RALPH BASSETT, born 11-15-1931.

197. RALPH ?.... m. ?.....

- 221. SONJA....
- 222. NONA....
- 223. JEAN.....

	198. ETHEL m. ?
224.	RUTH
225.	WELDON
226.	CLARENCE
	201. <u>IRENEm. ?</u>
227.	MYRNA married and has two children
228.	MARVIN
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	203. HAZEL BERGSTROM m. LESTER MARSHALL
229.	RICHARD MARSHALL, born 12-13-1955. Engineer. Married.
230.	JOAN MARSHALL, born 1-23-1932. Teacher.
	206. EVELYN BERGSTROM m. KENNETH BISBEE
231.	DAVID BISBEE
232	BRIAN BISBEE
200.	
233.	CHERYL BISBEE
	207 CIDNEY DEDCCTDOM 2
	207. SIDNEY BERGSTROM m. ?
234.	CAROL LEE BERGSTROM
	m. 2nd ?
235.	DANNY BERGSTROM

208. LAVERNE NORVAL m. MILO JOHNSON

Serving with the armed forces in Cuba

236. RONALD NORVAL JOHNSON.

210. DONALD NORVAL m. ?

- 237. PENNY SUE NORVAL
- 238. JANET KAY NORVAL

211. MARION PETERSON m. JOSEPH M. CARTER

- 239. CHARLES CARTER, born 11-18-1940, baptized 12-1-1940, confirmed 4-?-1953
- 240. DIANNE CARTER, born 3-4-1944, baptized 3-26-1944, died 2-7-1951
- 241. DEBORA CARTER, born 7-14-1951

213. BETTY JANE GUSTAFSON m. ARTHUR KEMPF

242. KATHLEEN KEMPF

· 214. MARY GUSTAFSON m. ROBERT LIGHTHALL

- 243. DIANE LIGHTHALL
- 244. WILLIAM LIGHTHALL
- 245. ROBERTA LIGHTHALL

215. JANE GUSTAFSON m. ROBERT MYERS

- 246. STEPHEN MYERS
- 247. DAVID MYERS
- 248. JANET MYERS

216. DOLORES JUNE PETERSON m. RALPH WILLARD

249. RONALD WILLARD, born 2-16-1950

m. 2nd JOHN MoLAUGHLIN

250. DAWN FRANCES McLAUGHLIN, born 5-23-1959

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217. PATRICK J. FAIRMAN m. MARY L. GREGG

- 251. PATRICK JOHN FAIRMAN, born 7-3-1954
- 252. WENDY MARIE FAIRMAN, born 5-19-1959

218. ROBERT WELLS JR. m. VIRGINIA BERGERSON

- 253. LINDA ANNIE WELLS, born 11-11-1952
- 254. LAURIE ANN WELLS, born 11-8-1960

219. GEORGIA WELLS m. PAUL LARSON

- 255. PHILLIP LARSON, born 7-12-1942
- 256. RICHARD LARSON, born 12-30-1944
- 257. MARTHA LARSON, born 4-16-1948
- 258. HELENE LARSON, born 1-20-1954, a posthumous child

III. The Family of FRANK JOHNSON

259. ?.....JOHNSON, born 3-1-1853. His first wife, after giving birth to two sons, the first son being about the same age as his second wife, died, as did the mother, no dates known.

He married second HANSIEN MARIE PETERSON, born in Denmark 2-19-1874. They were married in 1886.

Children:

260. Edward 1894

261. Frank 1906

262. Hans 1903

263. Harvey 1908

After her husband's death, Hansien married in 1929 ROBERT PRICE. After his death, she married JOHN HUMPH, born 1871, still living. She died 10-20-1956 and is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery.

259. ?....JOHNSON m. HANSIEN PETERSON

- 260. EDWARD JOHNSON, born 3-1-1894
- 261. FRANK JOHNSON, born 2-10-1906, married (#40) BLANCHE SOPHIA JOHNSON, which see.
- 262. HANS JOHNSON, born 1903
- 263. HARVEY JOHNSON, born 1908

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IV. The Family of ELMER F. GROTE

264. AUGUST DIETRICH GROTE, born 2-2-1888, baptized 2-?-1888; confirmed 1902; died 8-23-1951; married ESTHER NATALIE DAHLMAN born 3-5-1888, baptized 5-26-1888, confirmed 6-14-1903.

Children:

265. Elmer 1909

266. Russell 1910

267. Dorothy 1914

268. Arnold 1917

He was Comptroller & Vice-President of Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

264. AUGUST D. GROTE m. ESTHER N. DAHLMAN

- 265. ELMER FREDERICK GROTE, born 7-6-1909, married (#43) ESTHER ELIZABETH JOHNSON, which see.
- 266. RUSSELL GROTE, born 10-7-1910, baptized 11-?-1910, confirmed 1923; married 5-22-1937 FERN BURGER, born 12-2-1914.

Children:

269. Jeffrey 1940

270. Curtis 1944

267. DOROTHY GROTE, born 2-21-1914, baptized 3-?-1914; confirmed 1928; married 5-1-1935 BRUCE CARLSON, born 11-23-1907.

Children:

271. Wayne 1936

272. Terry 1940

273. Forrest 1944

274. Dawn 1948

268. ARNOLD GROTE, born 8-2-1917, confirmed 1931; married 5-22-1941 MARIJANE LIND, born 2-24-1919.

Children:

275. Jill 1944

276. Jackie 1956

266. RUSSELL GROTE m. FERN BURGER

- 269. JEFFREY GROTE, born 8-23-1940, baptized 9-?-1940; confirmed 1953.
- 270. CURTIS GROTE, born 8-12-1944, baptized 9-?-1944, confirmed 1957.

267. DOROTHY GROTE m. BRUCE CARLSON

271. WAYNE CARLSON, born 5-9-1936, baptized 6-?-1936; confirmed 1951.

- 272. TERRY CARLSON, born 5-7-1940, baptized 5-?-1940, confirmed 1954.
- 273. <u>FORREST CARLSON</u>, born 7-31-1944, baptized 8-?-1944, confirmed 1958
- 274. DAWN CARLSON, born 6-26-1948, baptized 7-?-1948

268. ARNOLD GROTE m. MARIJANE LIND

- 275. JILL GROTE, born 12-1-1944, confirmed 1956
- 276. JACKIE GROTE, born 9-18-1956

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